

**Final
BULLETINS**

Was Coast Shelled?
Navy Still Silent

OTTAWA (Special)—Navy headquarters here refuses to make any statement about the shelling of the west coast of Vancouver Island by a mysterious ship, said to be friendly.

Vice-Admiral Brodeur at Pacific Command has been wired and instructed to make a full statement on the incident.

Meantime, reports reached here that R. W. Mayhew, M.P., of Victoria, would press for a full explanation, following statements that the shelling had been prearranged to provide a "scare" for the B.C. population and troops.

VANCOUVER—Despite orders from Ottawa to make a statement, Navy officials here are still silent on the West Coast shelling incident.

One navy official has suggested that maybe there wasn't any shelling at all.

This source declares that what possibly happened was that the defence installation reported to have been shelled had actually flashed a pre-arranged report as part of a coast-wide alertness test.

In such a case, only the highest military authorities on the coast and the defence installation in question would be "in the know."

Naval Awards

OTTAWA (CP)—Navy Minister Macdonald announced late today the King has approved 11 awards—one Distinguished Service Cross, one Distinguished Service Medal and nine mentions in dispatches—to Canadian naval personnel for "good service" in the invasion of Sicily.

Among those mentioned in dispatches is Stoker 1st class W. H. Henshaw, R.C.N.V.R., of Mayne Island, B.C.

Another Freak Coin

OTTAWA (CP)—Issuance of a new 12-sided five cent coin, made of chromium steel, to replace the present 12-sided coin of copper and zinc alloy, has been authorized under an order-in-council published today.

Dies at Work Bench

Percy Cromack, age 63, of 401 Skinner Street, collapsed and died at 12:35 this afternoon at his work in the Leland Block, 2512 Douglas Street. Dr. E. C. Hart, coroner, was notified. City police attended.

Russians Drive Past 20 More Towns

LONDON (CP)—A further gain in the Soviet offensive south of Nevel was announced by Moscow tonight, the broadcast communiqué saying more than 20 additional settlements had been captured during the day's advances.

Seaforts' O.C. Reported Wounded

VANCOUVER (CP)—Lt.-Col. Douglas Forin, officer commanding the Seaforts Highlanders of Canada, has been reported wounded in action in Italy. He is the son of Judge J. A. Forin of this city.

Prisoners Of War Thank Canadians

TORONTO (CP)—Canadian prisoners of war at Stalag 8B in Germany, many of them captured at Dieppe, have sent Christmas greetings to Canada through the International Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland, it was announced by the Toronto Red Cross branch today. Thanks were voiced for "all you have done."

\$10,374 Suit Fails

VANCOUVER (CP)—Exonerating Gulf of Georgia Towing Co. Ltd. of negligence, Mr. Justice Sidney Smith in Admiralty Court today dismissed with costs an action of Comox Logging and Railway Co. to recover \$10,374 damages for "logging machinery which was lost off Merry Island March 16, 1942, when a scow capsized."

Include CJVI In New Network

OTTAWA (CP)—Dr. Agustin Frigon, acting chairman of the CBC, today released a list of the stations which are expected to be on the Corporation's two networks operating after Jan. 1. B.C. stations to be on the new chain, to be known as the Dominion network and to start Jan. 1, are CJVI, Victoria; CKWX, Vancouver, and CHWK, Chilliwack.

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Hooch Deadly

MONTREAL (CP)—The R.C.M.P. announced here today that poisonous alcohol, small quantities of which might cause blindness or death, has been offered for sale in Montreal and issued a warning against purchase of bootleg liquor.

Canadian Opinion Backs B.C. In Moves to Send Japs Home

TORONTO—British Columbians who are advocating repatriation of Japanese after the war will be interested to know that a majority of their fellow Canadians would favor sending these people back to Japan after the war is over, or should they be allowed to remain in this country?"

While in Quebec, opinion is almost evenly divided on the issue, with a slight tendency in favor of repatriation, in Ontario there is definite majority support for it:

Statistics Ontario Quebec
Repatriate 52% 47%
Allow to remain 42% 45%
Undecided 6% 8%

Although some British Columbians have stated that the rest of Canada is apathetic to the Japanese who, before the war, were concentrated largely on the Pacific coast, here is the way national opinion divides on the matter:

"Should those who have been moved away from their homes be allowed to return to their homes after the war is over?"

Nearly all those Canadians who oppose repatriation would like to see the Japanese returned to their homes in Canada after the war.

The poll found that farm areas and small towns across Canada are more in favor of giving the Japanese their coat and hat after the war than are citizens in the larger centres. In cities over 100,000 population, opinion is virtually split evenly, but in farm areas about six in ten want repatriation.

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Canadians Consolidate In Ortona

By JOSEPH DYNAN

ALGIERS (AP)—Canadian 1st Division troops of the 8th Army Tuesday slugged it out with the Germans in the streets of Ortona, small Italian port on the Adriatic, Allied headquarters announced today.

Canadians entered the port, eastern anchor of the German line guarding Pescara, Monday, following a heavy artillery bombardment, and supported by tanks. Fierce fighting developed in the running street battle, front-line tanks and flamethrowers.

Farther southwest British forces of the 8th Army made slight advances after repulsing two strong counterattacks.

Heights Taken

Anglo-American 5th Army forces, bolstered by artillery and mortar fire, captured several new heights and reached the outskirts of San Vittore on the main western highway to Rome. San Vittore is four miles northeast of German-held Mignano, and its fall would outflank that strong point.

U.S. and French troops along the northern mountainous sector of the 5th Army front were reported attacking the villages of Acquafondata, five miles west of Fillingano, and Cardito, four miles north of Acquafondata, after occupying a high point in their push westward toward Cassino, another important town on the Rome highway.

The announcement that the French forces under Gen. Pierre Juin were participating in the attack in this sector, was the first disclosure of the location of the French, whose presence on Italian soil was announced last week.

In the air war, Allied fighter-bombers swarmed over the Yugoslav coast and attacked German positions in support of the partisan forces of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito).

Fighters and fighter-bombers ranged over the battle area and near Rome, blasting transport and communications. Medium bombers also struck at Terracina, 50 miles southeast of Rome.

A naval communiqué said British motor torpedo boats had captured two German schooners off the Yugoslav coast Dec. 19, taking their crews prisoners.

Not Enough Rain To Improve Health

Tuesday night's rain was hardly sufficient to make any difference in Victoria's health picture, Dr. Richard Felton, city health officer, said today.

"It is certainly a fact, which we all observed, we are generally in better health on the south end of the island when it rains," Dr. Felton said. "But the little we had last night wouldn't make much difference."

Russ Drive On Baltic Advancing Unchecked



CANADIAN TANKS AND ARTILLERY 25-POUNDER SET BATTLE TEMPO ON ITALIAN FRONT—Forcefully depicting the weight and striking power of the Canadian Armored Corps and the Royal Canadian Artillery in Italy, these pictures show, top, Sherman tanks, massed in line for inspection on an Italian plain. They belong to the regiment that scattered German tanks in the battle for Termoli, destroying 10 Hun Mark IV's in bitter olive-green fighting. Bottom, two views of a Canadian 25-pounder in Italy show the crew in action during a barrage against enemy positions. At left are: Gnr. Jim O'Hearn of Newcastle, N.B.; Gnr. R. C. Gunn of St. Catharines, Ont., and Gnr. S. S. Cline of Hudson, Man. In one Sicilian incident, these guns, hub to hub, smothered the German lines of two square miles under an artillery curtain of 30,000 shells within a few hours.

Board to Wink At Gift Turkeys

OTTAWA (CP)—Christmas gifts to employees of some employers of giving a turkey or some similar gift to employees is technically illegal under the wartime wage control order, but officials here merely raise an eyebrow when the point is raised and no action is likely to be taken against those who maintain the tradition.

Employers who prior to Nov. 15, 1941, gave Christmas bonuses in excess of \$25 may continue to do so, but may not increase the bonus.

Churchill Better

LONDON (CP)—For the first time since his illness was announced last Thursday no bulletin was issued on Mr. Churchill's condition today, and this was taken here to mean the Prime Minister now is out of danger. There was no indication when the next bulletin would be issued.

Youths Come Home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Twenty lost teenage youngsters, some missing as long as three months, have returned home. Detective Monroe Randburg, juvenile missing persons detail, has a theory: "Christmas is coming—"

Disembarkation Leave For Army Increased

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence headquarters today announced an increase in the disembarkation leave granted to certain officers

Spain Apologizes To U.S. Ambassador

MADRID (AP)—The Spanish Foreign Ministry expressed deepest regret today to Ambassador Carlton J. H. Hayes of the United States over an attack by two Falangists on the U.S. consulate in Valencia last Saturday.

Punishment of the two party members was promised. Secretary-General Jose Luis Arrese merely raised an eyebrow when the point is raised and no action is likely to be taken against those who maintain the tradition.

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INCIDENT CLOSED

LONDON (CP)—A Foreign spokesman said today there have been "further exchanges and assurances between Madrid and London over the Zaragoza (Saragossa) incident, and the matter is now considered closed." British officials protested when Spanish Falangists recently invaded the British consulate at Zaragoza and insulted the consul.

and other ranks returning from overseas.

In the past officers and other ranks returning to Canada were normally granted up to 14 days' disembarkation leave regardless of whether they were returned for duty or repatriation.

U.B.C. President, Deans Study College Report

That condition would arise if his group agreed with the Walker-Logan recommendations.

REPORT CONTENTS SECRET

Details of the Walker-Logan report could not be determined. Dr. Walker stated its contents were the property of the board of governors.

F. G. Mulliner, chairman of the school board, declined comment.

"I have nothing to say until we hear from the board of governors," Mr. Mulliner stated. He noted results of the recent civic elections had made a material change in the membership of the board, and pointed out he would not be able to speak for the new trustees in any event.

During its November meeting the board of governors appointed Dr. Walker and Col. Logan to consider the question with the Victoria School Board, the Department of Education and the Victoria College faculty. Following discussions with representatives of those groups, the two reported with recommendations to the board of governors, which met Monday night. The recommendations were turned over to Dr. Klinck for investigation with Deans D. Buchanan, F. C. Clement and K. N. Finlayson.

Dr. Klinck indicated the university group would report promptly.

"It may be," he said, "it will not be necessary to have a meeting."

20,000 Navy League Cards Placed

Navy League today had placed 20,000 of its \$1 membership cards with Victoria business firms, shops and restaurants, in its drive for 40,000 new members.

Up to noon more than 3,000 Victorians had joined since the campaign opened this week.

At headquarters, 706 Fort Street, uncanceled applications are coming in at the rate of more than 50 a day.

"Here's my dollar, I want to join the Navy League," are the words heard most often by Mrs. Ronald Young, campaign secretary at headquarters. Quite a few of the applications come from navy personnel, she said, "men who go down to the sea to fight our battles and know best of all the value of Navy League's survivors' kits, ditty bags and seamen's comforts."

Victoria business firms are now organized from top to bottom for the drive. Dick Wilson, manager of the plant in their spare time.

Montreal Strikers

Send Asst. Clerk Home

MONTRAL (CP)—Arthur Hooper, assistant city clerk, was advised by striking municipal white collar workers today to remain away from his desk at the City Hall. He said group strikers visited him at his desk and warned him that they "could not be amenable for what might happen" if he stayed on the job.

He went home shortly afterwards.



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Germans Threaten Reprisal Trials Of Allied Captives

LONDON (CP)—Dark threats of reprisal against Allied war prisoners came flying out of Germany today as Nazi propagandists worked up indignation against the Kharkov trials and Paul Joseph Goebbels called British and U.S. aviators "Huns of the Air."

D.N.B., the official German news agency, said in a broadcast statement on the Soviet trials that Nazi military courts would "soon deal with those British and American prisoners who are guilty of a serious breach of international law."

Goebbels told Berlin police and air raid protection officials that further attacks on the German capital must be expected, but that "one day our ever-growing anti-aircraft defences and future retaliation will make an end to the activities of the Huns of the air."

Ugly hints of measures to be taken against captured airmen were closely connected with a German press campaign against U.S. fliers imprisoned after the Nov. 20 raid on Bremen and accused of having "Murder Inc." written on their uniforms.

A Berlin dispatch to the Swiss newspaper Neue Zürcher Zeitung claimed the planes of an entire squadron were so lettered and that another squadron called itself "Home Block Busters."

This referred to the practice of U.S. airmen giving their bombers names, often facetious.

The bombed and battered Nazis are complaining that the names of some of the planes prove that gangsters control the U.S. area.

Three Germans and a Russian traitor, who admitted at their trial before a Kharkov military court that they had committed and witnessed numerous acts of atrocities against Russian civilians and soldiers, were hanged last Sunday in Kharkov's public square.

Founder Dies

CHICAGO (AP)—Albert Nelson Marquis, 89, the man who was credited with getting a new definition of "who's who" into Webster's dictionary, died Tuesday at his home in suburban Evanston.

Marquis was originator of "Who's Who in America," which began as a compilation of 8,600 biographies in 1899 and grew to a tome of 32,000 sketches in 1942.

According to its editions, "Who's Who" became so well known as a reference book for prominent persons in the United States that Webster's inserted a definition "a person of prominence" under "Who's Who" in recent editions of the dictionary.

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Restored to China

CHUNGKING (AP)—The Chinese high command announced tonight that Japanese forces had been cleared from the area south of the Lin River, thus restoring half of the rice-growing district to China.

Enemy remnants on the north bank of the Lin also were said to have been cleared. The communiqué indicated the Japanese withdrawal was continuing, with the Chinese "pursuing the fleeing Japanese on various routes, making considerable progress."

As he did so, a piece of shrapnel struck the ground where a moment before his head had rested.

LONDON (CP)—The Tokyo radio broadcast an imperial headquarters communiqué today, claiming Japanese aircraft had sunk nine Allied transports and two cruisers in an attack Tuesday on a convoy off Cape Merkus, New Britain. The broadcast was not confirmed by Allied quarters.

Gains Doctor's Degree

Swarms Of Planes Hit N.W. Germany, N. France in Daylight

LONDON (AP)—For the fifth time in two weeks U.S. heavy bombers, supported by fighters ranged into northwestern Germany in daylight today while a constant stream of medium and light bombers poured across the Channel for the third straight day headed for mysterious targets in northern France.

Big bombers of the U.S. air force, after a one-day layoff, headed back for the same section where Monday 500 bombers attacked Bremen, submarine and shipbuilding centre.

In addition, wave upon wave of Allied bombers swept out in what looked like one of the greatest sustained cross-channel assaults of the year toward the Pas de Calais region, presumably to attack the same targets which had been successive blows in the two preceding days and which have been described only as military installations.

Neutral reports have suggested the Germans may have extensive rocket gun emplacements in that French area.

BRIGHT DAY

All morning and during most of the afternoon the big formations of medium and light bombers, escorted by masses of fighters, flew through the brilliant sunshine across Dover Strait, returning on average 30 minutes later.

Today's activity followed a series of blows by R.A.F. Mosquito bombers against unsupervised targets in western Germany Tuesday night.

The latest Mosquito blow was carried out without loss, a comrade said.

Their load of explosives was added to the approximately 4,000 tons of bombs dropped by more than 3,000 Allied planes on key Nazi targets in Germany and occupied France Monday and Tuesday in the greatest combined air operations carried out in 36 hours against any country since the war began.

FOUNDING BASES

Tuesday hundreds of British and U.S. bombers made massed daylight attacks on military targets — possibly "secret weapon" installations—in the area of Pas de Calais. Monday night the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. used a force which the London Telegraph said possibly was 800 to 1,000 planes to hit Frankfurt and the twin cities of Ludwigshafen and Mannheim, following the 500-plane U.S. blow against Bremen.

Prospects for a white Christmas were slim for most of the country as the United States had what forecasters termed a remarkable lack of snow for the time of year.

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Two enemy aircraft—Heinkel 155 and a Junkers 88—were destroyed during the period. No Allied planes were lost.

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Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By WILLIAM FRYE
Associated Press War Analyst
The conferences Gen. Marshall has just concluded with Allied commanders in the Pacific inevitably call to mind the statements of Gen. MacArthur about the men, equipment and supplies he needed and wasn't getting.

The tempo of the war against Japan has stepped up importantly in recent weeks in both the central and the southwest Pacific. Marshall's conference with MacArthur in New Guinea coincided with the landings of U.S. 6th Army forces at Arawe on New Britain.

But the apparent promise of this operation, as well as the seizure of the Gilbert Islands and the mounting air attacks on the Marshalls in the mid-Pacific, is tempered somewhat by the recollection that only a month ago a spokesman at MacArthur's headquarters declared the forces reaching that combat zone were not sufficient to mount a large-scale offensive.

Within the last few days there have been published reports that MacArthur would go to the United States in the spring. Those reports were linked with MacArthur's President moves, but it seems highly unlikely that the general, who has said his only ambition was a United Nations victory, would make such a political journey.

There has been, however, considerable speculation that MacArthur was planning the trip, but for the purpose of presenting once more—and this time in person—his demands for greater supplies of men and equipment, particularly air strength, for his theatre.

If such a trip was planned, Marshall's conferences with the big man of the Philippines defense may have given him sufficient detailed information about present war plans to head it off. For Marshall was at Cairo with

Churchill-Roosevelt-Chiang, at Teheran with Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin. Cairo produced the promise that Japan would be stripped of the last shred of her stolen empire. Teheran presumably fixed the timing of the European show that must be played out before the cast can be shifted in sufficient numbers to get real results in the Pacific theatres.

It may well be that the United States chief of staff, equipped with the considered opinions and the timing decisions of the two momentous meetings in the Middle East, undertook to tell Gen. MacArthur Admiral-Nimitz and other Pacific commanders what the high command expected in Europe, and therefore when the full weight of Allied strength might reasonably be expected to be available for the struggle with Japan.

Today, on Bougainville, at the top of the Solomons ladder, where the United States campaign opened in August, 1942, Japanese resistance bordered on the fanatical.

On Guadalcanal, at the bottom of the Solomons ladder, where the United States campaign opened in August, 1942, Japanese resistance bordered on the fanatical.

The island is 150 miles long, north and south; 50 miles across at the widest point; its east and west coasts are separated by mountains ranging to 10,000 feet in height; and most of it is jungle. On the sea coast, Japanese land and sea communication north and south has been severed by a beachhead which U.S. Marines won at Empress Augusta Bay Nov. 1.

MOVING NORTHWARD

The east coast, linking strong Japanese positions north and south, is entirely in enemy hands. There are foot trails along that coast over which soldiers could pick their way south—but the soldiers now are on a slow trek north. Barges can sail down that coast from Buaka with supplies at the constant risk of being sunk by Allied planes, but a risk no greater than in moving evacuated troops the other way. Today the big barge traffic is north-bound.

Just northwest of Bougainville is the big air and naval base of Rabaul. The Japanese who were bypassed on Kolombangara in the central Solomons and at Kiska in the Aleutians had nothing comparable to Rabaul so near at hand, yet they stuck it out until long after it was apparent their position was hopeless.

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Japanese Retreat Ahead Of Schedule On Bougainville

By HAROLD STREETER
WASHINGTON (AP) — The back-pedaling Japanese in the Solomons, completing a swing away from military fanaticism to realism, now are in the process of doing something they never have done before in the strange war among the Pacific's islands—getting out of a strong position before it actually is untenable.

On Guadalcanal, at the bottom of the Solomons ladder, where the United States campaign opened in August, 1942, Japanese resistance bordered on the fanatical.

Today, on Bougainville, at the top of the Solomons ladder, where the United States campaign opened in August, 1942, Japanese resistance bordered on the fanatical.

The island is 150 miles long, north and south; 50 miles across at the widest point; its east and west coasts are separated by mountains ranging to 10,000 feet in height; and most of it is jungle. On the sea coast, Japanese land and sea communication north and south has been severed by a beachhead which U.S. Marines won at Empress Augusta Bay Nov. 1.

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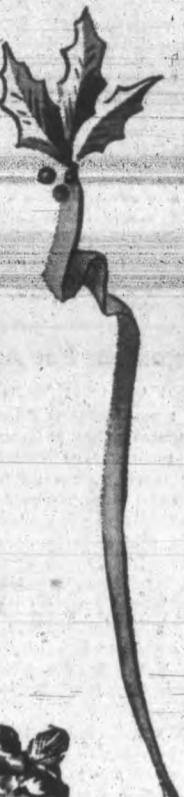
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F.O. M. H. Ramsay Killed in Iceland

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — Three years to the day after he enlisted in the R.C.A.F., and 25 years to the day after his father was killed in an accident, F.O. Melvin H. Ramsay of Sarnia, Ont., was killed Dec. 18, in an air crash in Iceland, relatives have been informed. He was a member of the R.A.F. transport command.

F.O. Ramsay was believed to have been making his last trip prior to taking Christmas leave when he was killed. Two other occupants of the plane, including Capt. W. V. Walker of Ingersoll, Ont., also were killed.

Capt. Walker was widely known as a bush pilot in northern Canada. His wife, the former Arlene Greenway, lives in Montreal.

Strange Christmas For Canadians in Italy

TORONTO (CP) — Maj. Clarence Wiseman, overseas director of the Salvation Army War Services Department, arrived home from the Italian front with news that Canadian soldiers in the vicinity of "Canada Town" (Camposabba) in Italy will have a good Christmas—but probably the strangest one of their lives.

Maj. Wiseman said the Christmas meal would be cooked by Italians, with Canadian supervisors, and the entertainment will be provided by a traveling group.

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Mme. Litvinoff Goes Home From California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Madame Maxim Litvinoff, wife of the former Soviet ambassador to the United States, left Tuesday to join her husband in Moscow. During her two-week stay here, she completed her autobiography, which is to be published soon.

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North Pacific Commander

WASHINGTON (AP) — Appointment of Vice-Admiral Frank J. Fletcher as commander of the north Pacific area has been announced by Navy Secretary Knox. Fletcher succeeds Vice-Admiral Thomas C. Kincaid, recently sent to the southwest Pacific.

Dr. J. H. Kimball Dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. James Henry Kimball, 69, principal meteorologist of the New York weather bureau and the man who gave the "go" to Charles A. Lindbergh and other pioneer trans-Atlantic fliers, died Tuesday. He entered the U.S. weather bureau service in 1895.

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Argument For Amalgamation

ONE OF OUR NEIGHBOR'S WEEKLY magazines has recently announced the inauguration of a Canadian edition which will portray the Dominion to its considerably more than a million readers. It has enlisted the services of a well-known and able Canadian newspaperman who for many years was actively engaged on Vancouver dailies. Subscribers of the weekly in question, moreover, are informed by circular from New York that he and his staff will work closely with correspondents in 12 key cities of Canada—Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Hamilton, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, Regina, St. John, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg.

It will be noted that the capital city of the province of British Columbia does not appear in the list of Canada's "key cities." Why? There is at least one answer to the question: Victoria is mentioned in most of the newspaper and other directories as a city of anywhere from 38,000 to 42,000—a small town in comparison with some listed above. Not even the parenthetical note that the surrounding municipalities bring the population of the district up to more than 80,000 has any effect on those who are not familiar with this part of British Columbia. The city proper does not touch the 50,000 mark; and that apparent deficiency puts it outside the pale of some calculations.

This should suggest to the 1944 city council—which is the old one except for the acquisition of an able woman—a new incentive to an aggressive promotion of the Greater Victoria idea. Everything is to be gained by the consummation of a plan for amalgamation; much will be lost in the shape of valuable advertising under numerous heads so long as our publicity literature is required to labor the argument that the four civic entities are really one as far as population is concerned. This simply does not register at all. Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich mean nothing to the outside world; and Victoria does not win its standing as a "key city."

China's Industrial Future

WHILE THE CABLES FROM CHINA DE-vote themselves almost exclusively to the fortunes of the valiant fighting men of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, leaving the impression, perhaps, that the government at Chinkiang is not particularly aggressive in publicizing the nation's postwar plans, decisions recently reached by the Central Executive and Supervisory Committees of the Kuomintang disclose active thought for the expansive days to come.

We learn, for example, that industrial reconstruction shall be a planned one, mapped out by the government according to the principles laid down in the San Min Chu I, or the three peoples principles of Doctor Sun Yat-Sen's industrial program; that industry which may be entrusted to individuals or industries which may be less suitable for the state to operate, shall be privately operated; that the government in such cases shall give them encouragement and protection of the law; that industries, the operation of which cannot be entrusted to individuals, or industries which assume the nature of a monopoly, shall be state operated; that the government shall stipulate specifically what constitute state-owned industries and what constitute private industries. Other phases of the postwar program include the following provisions:

"The government and the public shall employ effective means to encourage the people to conserve their resources and investment in industry. The government shall supervise, direct and encourage the reinvestment of industrial profits in that particular industry or other industries."

"The national financial policy and the banking policy shall be in complete accord with the national industrial reconstruction plan. The taxation and financial systems shall be in line with the promotion of national industrial reconstruction."

"In order to speed up the completion of industrial reconstruction programs, foreign capital and technical co-operation shall be welcome."

From the foregoing it will be easily recognized that state planning and free enterprise will be married to bring out the best results in both spheres of activity. The following resolution, moreover, reveals an enlightened concept of the manner in which internal initiative likewise is to be harnessed to the fruits of external assistance—with mutual benefit to all concerned:

"Be it resolved that to show a spirit of close cooperation with China's friendly powers, all restrictions applying to Chinese-foreign joint enterprises shall be revised. Hereafter, no fixed restriction shall be placed on the ratio of foreign capital investment in joint enterprise. In the organization of a Chinese-foreign joint enterprise, the general manager need not necessarily be a Chinese. The foregoing terms of co-operation shall become effective after an agreement by the parties concerned has been reached and the approval of the government secured. At the same time, aliens, in accordance with the provisions of Chinese law and regulations, and having received sanction from the Chinese government, may finance their own enterprises in China. Negotiations for foreign loans, etc., shall be continued. Private individuals may negotiate foreign loans for their enterprises and such loan agreements shall become effective following the approval of the government. The government shall determine at an early date which category of state

enterprises may accept foreign investments and which categories may seek foreign loans."

In all of the development of postwar China which the foregoing envisages, of course, Canada is and should be especially interested. It was stated the other day, for instance, that the Oriental republic is surveying the possibilities of postwar trade relationships. And one of her foremost railway experts is now in the United States for the express purpose of making preliminary explorations looking toward a huge expansion of China's rail transportation system. Incidentally, Canada will have a good deal of excess machinery available after the victory; it is to be hoped we show more interest in future Chinese trade than has been the case in the past.

Religious Freedom In Russia

ON HIS RETURN TO BRITAIN FROM a visit to the Soviet Union, the Archbishop of York, the Most Rev. Dr. Cyril F. Garbett, is quoted as saying that "one reason why Premier Stalin approved the election of a Patriarch and the summoning of a council of bishops for the first time since the revolution was that, as a wise statesman, he recognized that religion is inherent in the majority of the Russian people." The eminent British divine elaborates on the Mar-shal's action as follows:

"He has had to take from them in the national cause much that they value; but he feels he can give them something in making it plain that there is no hindrance to their worship. . . . The church is not allowed to administer the old Czarist regime. It accepts loyalty to the present communist regime. It has thrown itself heart and soul into the national cause. It prays and works for victory. It did this spontaneously without the slightest hesitation on the day war broke out."

Since the visit of the Archbishop of York, however, the Moscow government has authorized the foundation of a Theological Institute in the capital. The least that this can mean is that the "wise statesman" who restored religious freedom some months ago has followed his policy to its logical conclusion; he has sanctioned the establishment of educational machinery essential for the training of young men for holy orders. This is important for the spiritual future of the nation destined to play a great and influential part in the task of remaking the world. It is likewise important because it should remove the last vestige of suspicion from the minds of those who regarded Moscow's subscription to one of the most vital of the Four Freedoms as more of a political gesture than an acceptance of a basic requisite to individual liberty.

Regardless of the nonreligious attitude of the state itself, or the fact that countless thousands in the Soviet Union conscientiously reject belief in the Supreme Being, the vast congregations which we are told now assemble in the great Moscow cathedral bear witness to the natural urge—a consideration that no "wise statesman" is likely to overlook. And there is no danger of the church becoming the tool of any agency—as was the church of Czarist days. It was this element within it, of course, with which the new regime had serious quarrel.

British Columbia Ready

NOVEMBER'S LONDON AND PROVINCIAL newspapers now reaching our exchange table reveal a striking similarity in hearty editorial approval of Lord Woolton as Minister of Reconstruction, not only because he is a practical businessman with a mind which understands the humanities, but also because he made a huge success of his administration of the Ministry of Food. One daily epitomizes newspaper opinion generally when it voices "widespread satisfaction" over the appointment, since "it comes at a time when many people were in despair of anything being done to advance in a practical manner the many plans which have been made for the creation of a new and better Britain." Voicing the view that Lord Woolton "will not be content to let things drift," another widely-read

"journalist" promises have been plentiful. Performances are still to come. The reason is that Parliament has not yet passed the laws which are an essential foundation of reconstruction and without which local authorities are helpless. Reports and White Papers accomplish nothing in themselves. It is only when these documents are given legislative backing that their policies can become operative. What hope, for instance, is there that many thousands of houses will get built in the near future unless municipal bodies are given the necessary powers?

Mr. Churchill's recently-coined slogan of "Food, Work, and Homes" would seem to be an excellent rallying cry for a Minister of Reconstruction. Canada, too, has many plans for the postwar period; her promises have assured the Canadian people that the mistakes of a quarter of a century ago will not be repeated. But the day for performance already has dawned. Thousands of former fighting men are now trying to adjust themselves to the prospects of a new and better Canada. In this fair and favored province the coalition government's proposals no doubt will soon unfold into action.

Saturday Night's Attack

PERHAPS THE AUTHORITIES AT Ottawa and the captain of the ship which shelled a point on Vancouver Island's coastline last Saturday night will get together and agree on a few details to give the incident historic authenticity. In the meantime, however, the public will temper its confusion with the knowledge that the marksmanship was good, that no material or human damage resulted, and that the defences of this part of Canada responded in the manner expected of them—both mechanically and in respect of personnel. If the "attack" was intended to be a test of our preparedness, therefore, the Pacific Command is entitled to pat itself on the back.

An orator is a man who can explain to a barber exactly how he wants his hair cut.

Loose Ends

SUCH INTERESTING PEOPLE

THERE ONCE WAS a newspaperman—he has had a thousand names in as many chronicles of the incident—who by odd chance was invited to sip tea in the home of a wealthy gadget manufacturer on the right side of the tracks," yarns Robert J. (Bob) Casey, well-known reporter and foreign correspondent (in a Foreword to his enjoyable book about newspapermen, "Such Interesting People"). "His hostess looked at him wide-eyed as she tried to make him feel at ease. And she said, after the fashion of hostesses to newspapermen since the invention of movable type: 'It must be fascinating to be a journalist. You meet such interesting people.'

"And the reporter answered mechanically: 'You certainly do, and they're all in the newspaper business.'"

Certainly, the newspapermen you meet in Bob Casey's book are interesting. Here is William Stoneman of the Chicago Daily News—which is also Casey's paper:

"William Stoneman, who was a good police reporter, has long been one of the best foreign correspondents on an American payroll without changing his technique. His international scoop on the resumption of relations between the United States and Russia was one of the most remarkable beats since the invention of movable type. And his success with it was due not to any advance information, but to impromptu ingenuity."

"Every correspondent in Moscow knew that Max Litvinoff was to go to Washington to negotiate a new status for the Soviet government in the United States. But that was all the good it did anybody. The censorship had been clamped down immediately the story began to circulate, and the correspondents sat down to argue and chew their fingernails or wait for the lifting of the ban. . . . All but Bill Stoneman. He got into a drosky and rode out to the suburbs where he knew there was a branch telephone office. There he addressed a full-rate message to Hal O'Flaherty, 400 West Madison Street, Chicago:

"Maxie meets Frankie next month Pennsylvania Avenue. . . ."

"The message went without delay and was promptly dissected by O'Flaherty (Managing Editor of the Chicago Daily News). Pennsylvania Avenue could only mean Washington. That identified Frankie as F.D.R. (Roosevelt). The leap from there to Maxie was simple.

APPRECIATING LORD HALIFAX

LORD HALIFAX—hard-worked and greatly-respected British Ambassador at Washington—has been brought up to an outdoor life from his childhood, says Stuart Hodgson (in "Lord Halifax: An Appreciation"). Both his father and his grandfather hunted after they were 80, and he himself has been Master of Hounds, both in Delhi (India) and Yorkshire.

"Like most out-of-door men, he does not take indoor pastimes very seriously," adds Mr. Hodgson. "He plays bridge, but with great enthusiasm. He would join quite cheerfully in a round game, or even better, a charade; and more cheerfully still be left to the desultory reading by the fire of which he acquired the habit at Oxford. He is an occasional theatre-goer. Like Mr. Lloyd George, who has no taste for being made artificially miserable, he prefers his plays with a happy ending.

"Mr. Lloyd George once asked Dr. Marx, the German republican leader, to go with him to a music hall to see some special show or other. Dr. Marx, a melancholy devout Roman Catholic, given to private austerities, was scandalized when he discovered where he was being taken: it was rather like taking the Pope to a night club. Lord Halifax would not be scandalized by such an invitation. He would go quite cheerfully to a music hall if he felt inclined. He might even enjoy it and take quite a boyish pleasure in knocking about farce and good slapstick stuff."

No man has asserted more vigorously the futility of government by force than Lord Halifax, declares Mr. Hodgson: "yet he did not hesitate in India (when Viceroy) to use force when it was necessary. 'Do you believe in guns or God?' a woman shouted at him in Southampton. He replied calmly that he saw no difference between intervening by force to stop a bully in a back street knocking a child about, and intervening by force to stop a nation in Europe knocking a small nation about."

AN OLD LAW REVISED

From Montreal Star

"According to the law of supply and demand . . ." began her husband, who liked to explain things.

"No one demands anything at a store now, dear," she interrupted, "it's the law of supply and request."

CHRISTMAS—1939
We worship, carol, boldly make
The Christmas feast, just as before,
But we can see His pitying eyes;
His nail-torn hands on every door;
His sorrow at our blundering lies;
His heart-ache as the cannons roar!

THE VISION

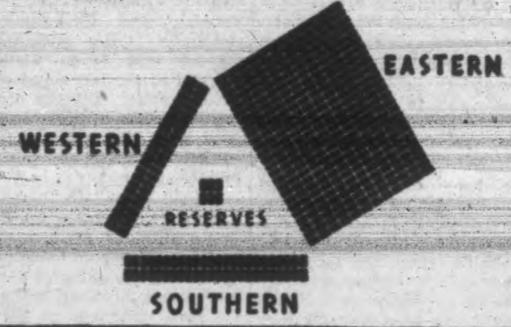
Long years ago these same stars shone,
Pouring their silver wine of peace,
While light around the Little One
Shone lovelier than all of these.
So this night may the sons of earth,
Hearing gay carol and glad chime,
Recall the vision of His birth,
Find comfort in a bitter time!

—PAULINE HAYARD.

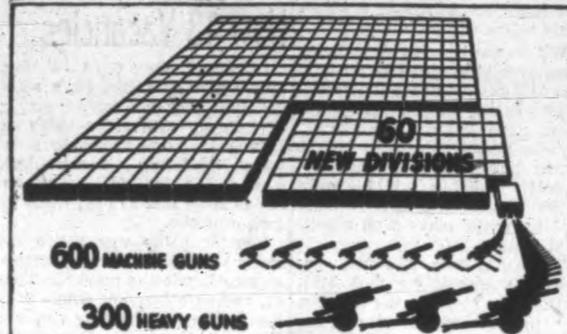
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Nazi Strength Still High

GERMAN STRENGTH



Three-quarters of Germany's military strength is concentrated on the western front. Less than six per cent of the Wehrmacht is in Italy. Each of these blocks represents one division, each armed with 600 machine-guns and 300 heavy guns. Germany still has a mighty punch left in Russia. Maj.-Gen. George V. Strong, U.S. assistant chief of staff, in a special report, gives this estimate, warning that the German army is stronger now than in 1939.



Despite its heavy rate of attrition in four years of war, the Wehrmacht has been able to replace the 20 divisions lost at Stalingrad and the eight lost in north Africa. This year 60 new divisions, each armed as indicated above, have been put into the field, according to Maj.-Gen. Strong's report. Production is still rising in many industries.

COWICHAN SWEATERS FROM CAPE MUDGE

From Vancouver Sun

Coast Indians have been holding conference at Cape Mudge, bringing that interesting place back into the news. Mudge was named long before our own city was a spot on the map. Captain Vancouver had a non-com. officer named Ezra Mudge, who liked the cape he gave his name to because he spent a pleasant winter there with the Indians. You may also be interested to know that some of the finest "Cowichan" sweaters ever knitted have been done by the native ladies of Cape Mudge. Perhaps Ezra taught them a few things.

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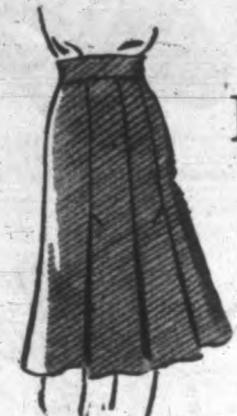
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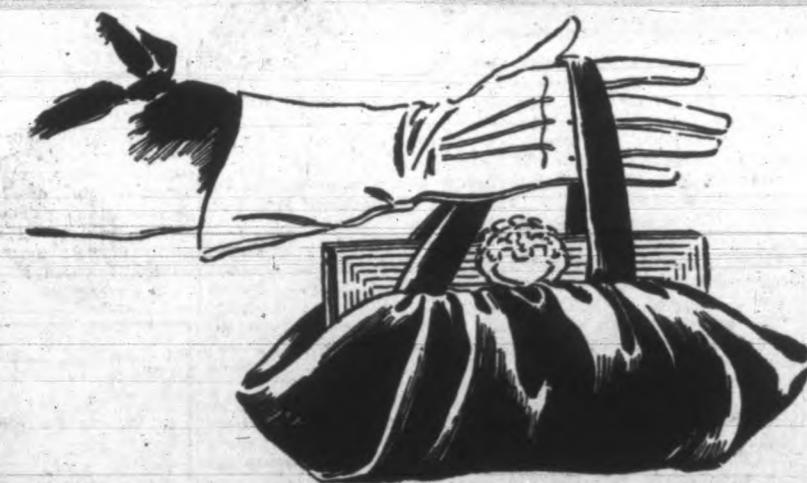
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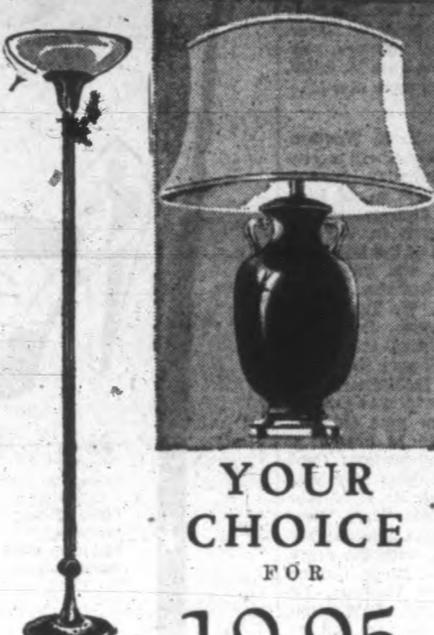
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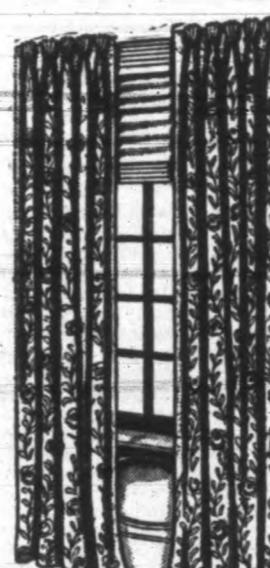
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Personal Notes

Dr. Harry M. Cassidy of Berkeley, Calif., who has been spending several days in Vancouver, is now a visitor in Victoria.

Cpl. Olive French, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), is spending six days' leave with her mother at 2129 Pentland Road.

Mrs. R. E. Moss has left for Toronto, where she will spend the holiday season with her husband, Lieut. Moss.

Mrs. George E. Prowse, accompanied by David and Judith, from Vancouver, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Price, 1615 Richmond Avenue.

Mrs. W. E. Tingle, a passenger on the exchange liner Gripsholm, is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock Webster, 1073 Davie Street. She is the former Miss Phyllis Pugh of St. Margaret's School.

Miss Betty Parlow, who is a student at the Vancouver Art School, will arrive this week to spend the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. A. E. Parlow, and her grandmother, Dr. H. E. Ryan.

Mrs. Geoffrey Tullidge and daughter Ann are visiting Vancouver until the New Year, staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Arkell, Lt.-Cmdr. Tullidge will join his family there for Christmas.

Lieut. and Mrs. John E. Sprinkle will go to Vancouver to spend Christmas at the home of their aunt, Mrs. G. Bruce Burpee, where Mrs. Sprinkle's mother, Mrs. J. G. Dodd of Montreal has been visiting since coming from the east in mid-December. She plans to spend the remainder of the winter in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Greenwood will spend Christmas with their daughter, Miss Bessie Greenwood, South Shaughnessy, Vancouver.

Servicemen's wives attending the V.O.N. mothercraft class, which meets every Monday at the Y.W.C.A. for sewing and prenatal instruction, were entertained at a Christmas tea following the meeting Monday afternoon. Mrs. R. B. Horton, Mrs. Norman Yarrow and Mrs. Richard Felton of the senior V.O.N. board, provided the tea. The class is convened by Mrs. A. W. Millar, and Mrs. Stanley Haynes, sewing instructor, and Miss M. Baird, V.O.N. supervisor were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wootton, 1255 Victoria Avenue, will receive their friends Thursday, from 4 to 7, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Wootton was born in Victoria, the youngest son of the late Capt. Henry Wootton, and they were married at St. Barnabas Church by the Rev. G. W. Taylor, assisted by Canon Beanlands. There were five bridal attendants, now scattered all over the world, and Senator G. H. Barnard, still residing in Victoria, was groomsman. There are nine children, six of whom will be present at their parents' celebration: Capt. Robert Wootton, Miss May Wootton, Mrs. H. Clark, Mr. H. N. Wootton, all of Victoria; Mrs. Albert Stewart, Cowichan Station; Mr. Arthur Wootton, with the army, overseas; Mrs. J. Rugg, California; Mr. Edward Wootton, Edmonton; Mr. Francis Wootton, Honolulu. Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Francis Wootton are visiting in Victoria until after the Christmas holiday. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wootton also have 13 grandchildren.

'Y' Council Holds 'Hanging of Greens'

John Kyle was re-elected president of the Vancouver Island Arts and Crafts Society at the annual meeting held in the club rooms, Cook and Fort Streets. Miss Adelaide Baxter is vice-president and others on the committee are Miss Maude Lettice, Miss Betty Newton, Mrs. Cotton, Mrs. Dorothy Woodward, Miss Maude Bruce and Mrs. Harrison.

The committee, favoring more discussion among members at the monthly meetings, planned to conduct these meetings in the forum style. Opening lectures and discussion will be Jan. 21, the subject being "Design and Composition," with Mr. Kyle and J. W. Laing as leaders.

Various activities, including the weekly meetings of the Sketch Club, were related by Mrs. Hobbs, secretary, and it was with regret members learned of her decision to resign. A sound financial statement was read by Mrs. Press, treasurer.

The committee will arrange a program of monthly lectures.

Pecans for Everyone,' Says Wholesaler

Things were looking up along Wholesale Row today with arrival of another shipment of pecans in the shell from Georgia.

"There should be sufficient pecans for everybody," one wholesaler said. "We are not getting any other variety of nuts, but the pecans are already in the hands of dealers and we still have more in stock. This last was an unexpected shipment."

Fruit and vegetables for the Christmas trade are enjoying a steady demand, he said, with the only upswing noted in the citrus fruits and grape section, where sales have been quite heavy. A fair-sized shipment of cooking figs for the local market is expected in supplies of dried fruit, destined to arrive on the local market from California about the first of the year.

CHILDREN'S AID PARTY

A Christmas party, convened by Miss Patricia Bryson, assisted by Miss Mary Hood and Miss Jocelyn McGraw, who were in charge of games, and Mrs. Crawford and Miss Alice Corcoran, who convened decorations, was held for the wards of the Children's Aid Society at St. Ann's Academy. After games Santa Claus appeared and distributed presents to each boy and girl. Refreshments were served by members of the club and the party continued with more Christmas games.

On Christmas Day, dinner will be served at 1:30 in the large games room for men not receiving hospitality in homes. Christmas fare will be served in the canteen during the rest of the day.

The usual Boxing Day party will be held Monday, commencing with a concert at 7:30, followed by supper at 9, and a visit from Santa Claus, who will distribute gifts to each man. Miss Sara Spencer has charge of Christmas decorations.

Report of the nominating committee was read by Mrs. Hew Paterson, chairman, in preparation for the annual meeting to be held Jan. 18 at 11.

Attendance at the canteen for one week last month was 11,850; 2,641 meals were served, and 893 beds were used.

The club will hold a kiddies Christmas tree party Sunday at the K. of P. Hall when Santa Claus will give each child a present. Ice cream and fruit will be served. There will be 10 variety acts on the stage and special Christmas moving pictures.

Medicated "Sock" Fund of the Navy League of Canada will benefit by \$75, as the result of a dance held by the Boeing Social and Athletic Club. Mayor A. McAvoy led the grand march.

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Roast turkey and all the trimmings is the story of noonday Christmas dinner for all three services. There'll be old English plum pudding for dessert, with rum sauce for the navy and air force boys and girls, while soldiers and Cwacs will have pudding too, but with caramel sauce.

Mrs. June Schults, who came here from Marshalltown, Iowa, and Mrs. Sandra San Juan, Des Moines, Iowa, "We just started talking about how we couldn't get our birth certificates," Mrs. Schults explained today.

Mrs. San Juan was born after her sister had been taken by a grandmother, and she in turn was adopted by another family.

The following druggists of Victoria and District are A.I.D. stores—Watch for Thursday's Advertisements in this paper:

Aaronson's Drug Store, G 2414
Darling's Drug Store, B 1212
Fernwood Pharmacy, G 7222
George Pharmacy, E 7702
Hillside Pharmacy, G 1632
Jubilee Pharmacy, E 8911
Modern Pharmacy, G 1511
Merryfield & Sons, G 5382
J. A. Penney, E 2411
Terry's (1939) Ltd., E 7187
Williams' Pharmacy, G 3641

Each of the services will have beer with their Christmas feast, with air force ration set at two bottles for each man and woman. For navy personnel ashore the amount of beer will vary according to canteen funds in the establishment, while the beverage served on ships will be decided according to naval tradition. There's no fixed amount for the army, either, and those in charge say it all depends on "how much the quartermaster has been able to save and on how smart he is."

Cooks and their helpers have spent their spare time this last week making their messes ready for the feast with Christmas decorations. According to an R.C.A.F. cook at Pat Bay, the big airmen's mess really looks festive, now, with plenty of Christmas trees, greens, holly and tinsel ornaments saved from other years.

Following are the menus of the Christmas dinner now being

prepared for the boys and girls in uniform:

ARMY
Candy
Cream of Tomato Soup
Roast Turkey, Brown Gravy, Sage
Bacon, Green Beans, Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts
Turnips
Christmas Pudding
Caramel Sauce
Christmas Cake
Trifle
Bread and Butter
Tea, Coffee and Milk
AIR FORCE
Tomato Juice, Cocktail
Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Dressing and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Beef, Green Peas
Minted Carrots
Cabbage
Sliced Tomatoes
English Pudding
Brussels Sprouts
Steamed Plum Pudding with Rum Sauce
Hot Chocolate
Apples, Oranges, Grapes
After Dinner Minis
Table Nuts
Tea, Coffee or Milk

Dorothy Dix**TO CURE JEALOUSY**

Dear Miss Dix—I am 18 and have been married six months to an army officer. I know my husband loves me, or he wouldn't have married me, and I don't exactly envy any other girl's looks or their figures, but when he remarks about this girl being a good-looker, or that one having nice legs, I just get hopping mad. Of course, I know he is teasing me, but I am afraid some day I'll just cut loose and say a lot of things I will be sorry for.

There is one girl in particular he kids me about. She is a married woman, about 26 years old. When she is all powdered and painted up she looks about my age, but she hasn't a trim shape. She is already fat.

PEASY.**JEALOUSY MUST BE CURED**

Answer: Now there is just one infallible remedy for jealousy, and that is to apply a little common sense to it. Realize, in the first place, that you have priority on your husband. If he hadn't preferred you to other women, he would not have married you. In the second place, take this truth to heart while you are still young, for it will save you a lot of useless tears that men don't take women as seriously as women take men, and that because a man enjoys looking at a pretty face, or talking to a gay and lively girl, or dancing with one whose step matches his, it doesn't in the least mean that he is in love with her, or has any serious intentions regarding her.

PEASY.**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

Annual meeting of the Metropolitan United W.M.S. was held, Mrs. C. Wharton presiding, when election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary resident, Mrs. A. E. Whitehouse; president, Mrs. D. Girvin; first vice-president, Miss Grace Baker; second vice-president, Mrs. H. O. English;

third vice-president, Mrs. A. C. Farrell; fourth vice-president, Mrs. E. R. Bewell; recording secretary, Mrs. J. E. Runions; corresponding secretary, Miss F. Bralke; treasurer, Miss E. Harte;

Christian stewardship, Mrs. E. Crumby; helpers, Mrs. J. Kent;

literature, Mrs. W. H. Muney;

roll call, Miss E. Hudson; mis-

sionary monthly, Miss M. Baw-

den; community friendship, Mrs. C. Wharton; supply, Mrs. W. L. Fox; social, Mrs. A. Adams;

press, Mrs. W. E. Harper; pianist,

Mrs. E. Ede; auditor, Mrs. C. E. Sonley; junior evening auxiliary,

Mrs. H. Thompson; Mission

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Yugoslav Battles Cost Nazis 40,000

LONDON (CP) — With Yugoslavia developing into a battle-front of broadening scope, a recapitulation of Hitler's losses in his efforts to clear his Balkan front shows he had 40,000 casualties in October and November alone. These figures were given in a Moscow broadcast, which said the casualties included 16,000 killed and 11,000 prisoners.

A Transocean dispatch, broadcast by Berlin, took cognizance of the considerable amount of war material being ferried across the Adriatic from Italy to the Partisans when it reported that Hitler's puppet forces in eastern Bosnia had captured 27 tanks and two antitank guns from Marshal Josip Broz (Tito's) Partisan army.

The dispatch claimed Tito's losses since the opening of the present Bosnian campaign were 2,266 killed, 4,000 wounded and 2,800 captured. Croat (Nazis) units in the same period lost 106 killed, 335 wounded and seven missing, the dispatch.

Gen. Juin Commands
ALGIERS (AP)—Gen. Alphonse Juin, French patriot who kept

Sawdust Short Here, Surplus in Vancouver

the spirit of the French army alive after the German armistice and reorganized it after the Allied landings in North Africa, now is commanding the French contingent fighting on the Italian front, headquarters have disclosed.

85 Young Men Attend Annual Y' Dinner

Eighty-five servicemen and other young men attended the Y.M.C.A. Christmas dinner and entertainment Tuesday night at the Y.M.C.A. cafeteria. The dinner was sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. board of directors, Toastmasters, Camera Club and dormitory men.

Wit E. G. Rosebottom presiding, Rev. George Biddle pronounced invocation. H. B. Howar was toastmaster. Toasts proposed were to the King, Mr. Rosebottom, Christmas, E. P. Hudson, the Y.M.C.A., R. A. Swanson, the three services, Barrie Goult, New Year and Col. H. J. N. de Salis.

The Red Triangle concert party opened the entertainment with songs which were followed by solos by Miss Barbara Dawson and Miss Catherine Craig. Miss Vera Critchard played a group of piano solos.

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Dainty Dried Bananas	TOMATO SOUP, Campbell's,
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1-lb. packet 42¢	KETCHUP, Heinz, large
Shelled Almonds, California, Special, per lb 1.25	bottle 23¢
HOLLY WREATHS, priced at 75¢, 1.00 and 1.50	H.P. SAUCE, bottle 33¢
BERRIED HOLLY, per bunch 15¢	SODA WATER, Schwepp's splits, per dozen 1.50 (Limited Quantity)

PEACH JAM: AYLMER, 2-lb. jar 33¢	RED CURRANT JELLY, 2-lb. jar 36¢
(4 coupons)	(4 coupons)
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FLORIDA TANGERINES, per dozen 29¢	TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT, size 126s, 4 for 23¢
ARIZONA GRAPEFRUIT, size 80, 4 for 27¢	Size 96s, 3 for 23¢

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3 lbs. 27¢ 3 lbs. 27¢ 3 for 27¢	GINGER WINE, 28-oz. bottle 56¢
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LEMONS: size 300s, 43¢	WAFFLE SYRUP, 54-oz. jar 49¢
SHELL ALMONDS: 1.25	(4 coupons)
CALIFORNIA, Special, lb. 29¢	(3 coupons)
DAINTY DRIED BANANAS, ½-lb. 20¢	
1-lb. packet 39¢	
RASPBERRY JAM: 33¢	
TASTY PAR, 2-lb. jar 33¢	
(4 coupons)	

CARRY AND SAVE

Remember the long Christmas week-end. All food orders must be placed by Thursday, December 23rd, for delivery before Christmas.

While Vancouver householders bask in the warmth of a sawdust surplus, Victoria sawdust users find themselves facing a shortage.

Fuel dealers in the mainland city have been advertising sawdust for sale, below the ceiling price, because of the surplus stocks on hand, but according to W. O. McPherson, Victoria wood fuel officer with the Department of Munitions and Supply, if the weather turns cold for a few days their surplus will be wiped out.

"There is no glut on the market over there. We take credit for getting a lot of fuel stocks in, but the mild fall has had a lot to do with it," he said.

"There is still a sawdust shortage here because the mills are cutting more hemlock, spruce and cedar than ever before and those varieties of sawdust can't be used in domestic burners. They are not cutting nearly so much fir as in normal times for during the war there is a big demand for hemlock, spruce and cedar."

The situation in Vancouver is not one of long standing, but a development of the past week or 10 days, Mr. McPherson said. It would be too costly, he continued, to transport some of Vancouver's surplus to Victoria.

"With all the extra haulage and delivery and use of scows, if you could get them, it would make the sawdust worth about \$10 a unit and the ceiling price is \$4.50."

The sawdust situation, according to Mr. McPherson, is always "unsatisfactory" with dealers unable to get rid of it in summer and unable to obtain sufficient supplies in winter.

Treasures Have Value As Well As Sentiment

Passage through the Straits of Messina, first sight of the city of Jerusalem, and view of the gold and jewel-encrusted cross of Robert of Sicily, were described by Rev. Frederic Pike, rector of St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill, in an address on his experiences in Palestine, to members of the Kiwanis Club, Tuesday.

Introduced by Geoffrey Walton as a minister who had built eight churches west of the Great Lakes, Mr. Pike told of his voyage from London to the Mediterranean, and of his visits to Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem.

He described the cross of Robert of Sicily, which was ransomed at a great price, and said the holding of such treasures was not just a matter of sentiment. The base of the cross is of solid gold and is encrusted with diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds.

"There are gifts from the crowned heads of Europe to the patriarchs of Jerusalem down through the ages," Mr. Pike said, and they could not be sold, because they were given in trust to the church to keep.

In the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem there are oak beams placed there by Edward the Fourth of England, he said, as he spoke of the Crusaders repairing the church, which was built by the Emperor Constantine. He told of the Grotto of the Nativity, where Our Lord was born.

Palestine, he said, was a country of 10,000 square miles, and included in its population 620,000 Mohammedans, 75,000 Christians, and 80,000 Jews.

Rev. Dr. A. E. Whitehouse gave the vote of thanks. Barbara Dawson, Harry Pope and Frances Sparks contributed to the entertainment program. Murray Martindale, president, was in the chair.

Col. Sherwood Heads Engineering Institute

Succeeding Kenneth Reid, Lt. Col. H. L. Sherwood, formerly district engineer at Work Point Barracks, was elected chairman of the Victoria branch, Engineering Institute of Canada, at a luncheon Tuesday at Spencer's dining-room.

Other 1944 officers elected at the annual meeting were A. L. Ford, vice-chairman; R. Bowering, secretary-treasurer, and J. N. Anderson, Lt.-Cmdr. P. B. Hughes, C. M. Tripp and S. R. Weston, executive members. Mr. Reid and A. S. G. Musgrave were named ex-officio members of the executive, holding the ranks of past chairman and councillor, respectively.

440,000 Cigarettes Given

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian servicemen and women overseas will receive 440,000 cigarettes this Christmas, through a gift of President Elie Lescot of Haiti. Following a visit to Canada during the fall President Lescot sent \$1,000 in U.S. currency to Prime Minister King, suggesting it be used for Christmas gifts for Canadian troops.

Defence headquarters now state the money—\$1,100 Canadian—was used to buy 440,000 cigarettes for distribution among Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen overseas.

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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

A RMY HOCKEY CLUB looked mighty like a ship without a rudder in that game Monday night against the Victoria Machinery Depot. All the boys were trying hard but getting nowhere. Plinky Melnyk and Sammy Kenne worked their heads off but were lost without the smooth centre-line play of Mel Lunde, Joff Deslauriers failed to fit in on the line with Amy Dufault and Jimmy McIndoe. Up until the third period the club seemed to lack any fire and when it did start putting on the pressure the V.M.D. was able to match its best efforts.

Fans are still wondering what Coach Connie King injected into his shipyard players. Every member of the club was playing for keeps and they were skating and backchecking at their best form this season. One has to respect that peppy little V.M.D. winger, Dutch Evers. He must tip the scales at all of 145 pounds, soaking wet, and yet no opponent is too big or too tough to tangle with. When Evers elected to get into a wrestling match nothing would do but for him to hit the big rugged Dave MacKay, Army's close to 200-pound rearguard. And, strangely enough, Evers never seems to get hurt in his rough and tumble mix ups. Although we did notice trainer Steve Dunn running for the liniment bottle immediately Evers entered the dressing-room at the end of the game.

Main source of enjoyment to the V.M.D. boys was not the fact that they had beaten the Army but their having hit double figures in the points column. The team has won five games and boasts 10 points. "Well, we are in the double figures and look out now as we are headed for a play-off spot," they chorused. Some

Boston Still Unbeaten At Home

Turns Back Toronto 8-5

If the other teams in the National Hockey League could only get together for a concentrated ganging-up on Montreal Canadiens somebody might get a bit closer to the league-leaders.

Every time Toronto Maple Leafs, Boston Bruins or Chicago Black Hawks get settled in second spot for a drive on the leaders, one of the other teams pulls them back into the thick of things. Detroit Red Wings take a hand at the pulling down process on occasion, too.

Last night the Bruins polished off the Leafs 8 to 5 at Boston.

Before the Boston-Toronto game, only contest scheduled for last night, Leafs were seven points down to Canadiens and had played two extra games. Today they are still seven points down and have played three more games.

The result put Bruins within a point of the Leafs, made the second-place battle tighter than ever, but it also made Canadiens' position at the top firmer than ever.

Bill Cowley led the Boston attack last night. He scored three of the goals and drew a single assist.

Beep Guidolin with two, Dil Clapper, Don Gallinger and Flash Hollett were the other scorers for the winners as Bruins marked up their ninth straight game on home ice without defeat.

The Leafs spread their goals among Lorne Carr, Jackie Hamilton, Bob Davidson, Elwyn Morris and George Boothman.

Tonight, in the only Wednes-

day night fixture of the schedule, Detroit Red Wings invade Chicago in an effort to pull up within striking distance of second place.

SUMMARY

First Period—1, Boston, Clapper (Cowley, Bell), 1.06; 2, Boston, Gallinger (Calladine, Hollett), 3.24; 3, Boston, Guidolin (Gallinger, Hollett), 3.36; 4, Toronto, J. Hamilton (Morris), 9.07; 5, Boston, Hollett (Clapper), 16.19; 6, Boston, Cowley, 18.59. Penalties—Cowley, Hamilton, Guidolin.

Second Period—7, Toronto, Carr (Davidson, Bodnar), 10.17; 8, Boston, Cowley (Cain, Bell), 17.18. Penalties—H. Jackson, Bodnar, Guidolin.

Third Period—9, Toronto, Davidson (Carr, R. Hamilton), 0.43; 10, Boston, Guidolin (Crawford), 13.24; 11, Boston, Cowley (Cain, A. Jackson), 15.45; 12, Toronto, Morris, 16.47; 13, Toronto, Booth, man, 18.05. Penalties—A. Jackson, Pratt (minor and match misconduct).

LEAFS MAY USE MCNEIL

MONTREAL (CP) — The Gazette said today that Jerry McNeil, 17-year-old sensation in the nets for Montreal Royals of the Quebec Senior Hockey League, "may be going to play with Toronto Maple Leafs on the lend-lease basis this Saturday."

McNeil tried out at the beginning of the season with Montreal Canadiens, but was sent down to Royals for seasoning.

Gene Venzke Retires

REDING, Pa. (AP) — Gene Venzke, one of the great milers, has quit the cinder track—this time positively, he says—and has taken up golf.

The former Olympic team star said the same thing last year but was back on the boards last March.

Now he's at a tool-maker's lathe at the army air field here, and he's getting odd to miler.

Thirty-five now, he says he'd like to keep on running but the training grind is too punishing."

Racing Results

TROPICAL PARK—Horse racing results here Tuesday follow:

First race—Six furlongs:

Star Gaze (Bierman) — \$23.00 \$10.00 \$4.00

Air Strike (Bierman) — \$4.00 \$1.00

Vinal Haven (Breen) — \$0.00

Alman Canane, Ach. Ach, Jay Steeves, P. O. War, Art of Brecks, Patricia A. Chalasara.

Second race—Six furlongs:

Unwind (Cassell) — \$20.00 \$4.00 \$1.00

Gilder (Crowther) — \$3.00 \$2.70

Also ran: Rockwell, On the Double, Black Business, Expose, Busy Madeline, Safety Valve, Peter Ibbi, Long Age, Silk.

Third race—Six furlongs:

Scotch Abbot (Breen) — \$10.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

Gallagher (Cleggatt) — \$2.00

The Guardian (Morgan) — \$2.00

Also ran: The O. Shank, Cape May, Flaming Chance.

Fourth race—Six furlongs:

Transplan (Paged) — \$23.00 \$10.00 \$6.00

Cheerful (Boucher) — \$1.00 \$0.00

Red Arrow (Barker) — \$0.00

Also ran: Emerson, Uncle Bud, Challenger, Western's Friend, Over the Dam.

Fifth race—Six furlongs:

Happy Days (Meade) — \$13.10 \$4.50 \$2.00

Bobo (Toussaint) — \$1.00 \$0.00

Bottle Imp (Lindberg) — \$0.00 \$0.00

Fog (Marinelli) — \$0.00

Also ran: Red Dog, Best Reward.

Transformer (Barker) — \$0.00

Call, Tela Rock, Swimmer, Hole.

Seventh race—Mile and a sixteenth:

One Mile (Trent) — \$1.00 \$0.00

One Mile (Trent) — \$2.70 \$2.40

First Drifter (Arcaro) — \$0.00

Also ran: First Draft, Spelling Dream, Rose Red, Quenex, Landiside.

Eighth race—Mile and 70 yards:

One Mile (Trent) — \$1.00 \$0.00

Panther (Cleggatt) — \$0.00

Mill Fip (Thompson) — \$0.00

Also ran: Town Maid, Bastien, Angads, Bus V. E., Knight's Quest, Royal Silver.

HOLIDAY SKATING

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S DAY

10 a.m. to noon Children

2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Public

8.15 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. Public

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HOCKEY GAME, DEC. 27

(NO SKATING)

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WE HAVE MANY LOVELY ARTICLES FOR SALE

American Internees Showed Japs Just How to Play Ball

By HUGH FULLERTON

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans and Britons in the Chapel internment camp near Shanghai had a pretty good time playing against each other in softball (the Americans generally won) and soccer (the Britons won), so the Jap guards decided to get in on the fun. Royal Arch Gunnison, the foreign correspondent and radio commentator who recently returned from the liner Gripsholm after a year and a half of internment, tells what happened. As a member of the camp committee, Gunnison had to arrange the ball game.

The Japs, proud of their baseball ability, insisted on playing against an all-star team and they brought in some 30 or 40 officials from other camps to see them win. After the first inning the score was about 27 to 0 in favor of the Americans and the internees decided that they'd better not win too easily or they might lose the few privileges their captors allowed them. So they began muffing easy flies, booting grounders and making wild throws. That only made things look worse and the Japs were losing "face" faster than you can lose your bankroll in a crap game. The score was about 28 to 12 after six innings when the captain of the guard, a big, hard-boiled husky who was playing centre field, approached Gunnison and suggested: "Maybe it's better that we do not keep it just for us."

HEADS ON

Sports played an important part in providing entertainment both at Chapel and the Santo Tomas University camp at Manila where Gunnison was first confined, but between the heat, scanty food supplies and danger of injuries, the internees didn't dare let their activities become too strenuous. Softball and soccer, played at twilight, and boxing were the principal sports. Basketball was tried occasionally and some touch football, which was discarded as too rough. Boxing shows were staged about every 10 days at Chapel and there was Normie in pads and equipment, with the chesterfield piled against the window while his wife shot pucks from the living-room floor.

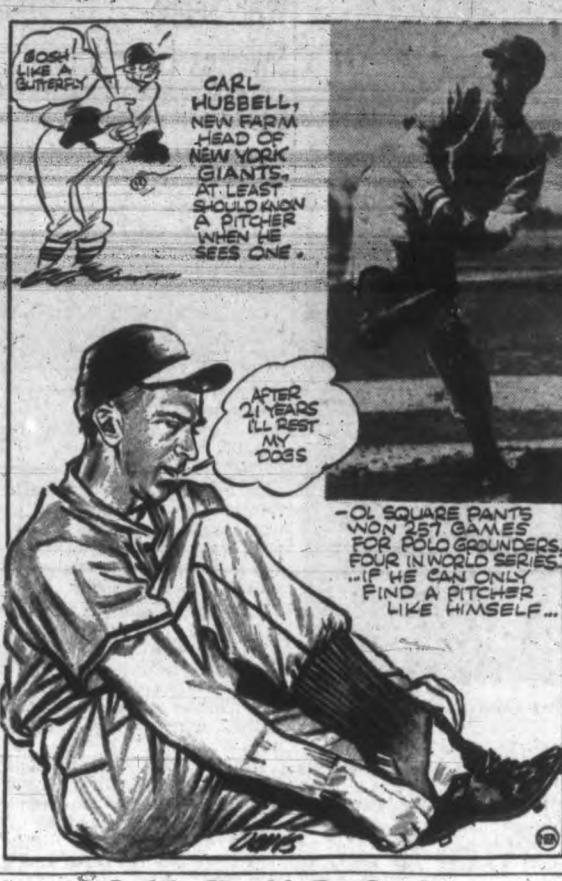
Dick (Montreal Gazette) Carroll quotes coach Dick Irvin of Canadiens as stating Glen Harmon is one of the National Hockey League's top rearguards, although he is underprivileged. After Army Service corps bowed 3 to 0 to Mahers in the Toronto Hockey League at Varsity Stadium the other night, one of the Army team's officials and a crowd of angry fans chased referee Pearcey Allen from the ice but Allen showed nice early foot and beat them to the officials' dressing room where he waited behind locked doors until the mob broke up.

LONG ROAD

When Dalton (Nakina) Smith played centre for Detroit Red Wings last week it was his first appearance in the National Hockey League, although he turned professional in 1935. Nakina was the most popular player with Sudbury Wolves who won the Canadian Junior title in 1932 at Winnipeg. That Wolves team included the present Canadiens star, Toe Blake, Max Bennett and the two smooth-skating Lafraance brothers.

Bill Klepper, business manager of Portland Beavers of the Coast Baseball League, visited Vancouver last week and got the newspaper boys all steamed up over prospects Vancouver may get the Sacramento franchise after the war. Jim Lander, former Kan-

Official Meal Ticket



Normie Smith Should Be Good

Wife Drilled Goalie

By CHARLIE EDWARDS

TORONTO (CP) — Return of 35-year-old Normie Smith to Detroit Red Wings goal after five years absence from hockey inspired Baz (Montreal Star) O'Meara to recall how Normie's pretty wife used to drill him on low shots in their apartment in Windsor in 1930-31 when Smith was in the minors.

The Smiths occupied the top apartment and tenants below were often startled by thudding sounds from above. One evening a lower tenant decided to make a social call. The door was open and there was Normie in pads and equipment, with the chesterfield piled against the window while his wife shot pucks from the living-room floor.

And while Stagg was engaged in a rugged vote-battle with golfer Patty Berg for the honor, virtually every one of the 77 sports editors who competed in the annual Associated Press poll mentioned the two comebacks of Lieut. Tommy Harmon.

Harmon, former All-American football player at Michigan, twice came back from almost certain death in a pair of aerial incidents during the years in his new career as a United States army pilot.

But in the voting restricted solely to sports, Stagg triumphed over Miss Berg by a mere five points, although the young golfer, now a lieutenant in the marines and already voted the year's outstanding woman athlete, drew 15 first-place votes to 12 for the veteran coach.

Stagg's College of Pacific team, bolstered by navy lend-lease talent, banged its way through the first half of its schedule without a defeat. Then it lost to the southern California eleven, 6 to 0.

Miss Berg returned to the fairways in June after being on the sidelines for almost 18 months with a fractured left knee suffered in a Texas automobile accident. Her long layoff didn't keep her from regaining the western United States open title.

Billie, Max Bennett and the two smooth-skating Lafraances.

Red Cross Plays Santa to Servicemen In Hospital

Men and women in the services who will be bed-ridden in hospital for the holiday season will not be overlooked by Santa Claus. Thanks to the thoughtfulness and energy of the Red Cross hospital visiting committee, headed by Mrs. J. W. Spencer, every one of them will receive at least two gifts.

Down in the workroom on Government Street, 50 women have spent two weeks making up parcels of assorted gifts. Huge bundles of Christmas crackers hang from the ceiling like bunches of red bananas, while farther to one end there are clusters of presents in green net bags.

Children from the Junior Red Cross have raised money for gifts which are wrapped in bright noisy-paper—so that each of the 450 servicemen and women will get one present from the Senior Red Cross visiting committee, and one from the children.

These intriguing parcels contain such practicalities as soap, shaving lotion, toothpaste, two hankies and razor blades. A large packet of cigarettes, with box of matches, a chocolate bar and rare gift these days—a packet of peanuts.

To the navy, air force and army hospitals, to the service patients in the Royal Jubilee and St. Joseph's, Christmas Day will have a little more of its true meaning because of the Red Cross.

WARD-GIFTS OF FRUIT

Besides individual gifts, too, will be the crate of fruit, oranges, apples, grapefruit and grapes, delivered to each ward. This provides for one of each fruit to every patient. The crates of fruit, of necessity sturdy and substantial, do not lack the thoughtful touch of femininity. Each is meticulously covered with gay paper, and boasts a sprig of holly on top. A little white card attached identifies the box, for instance—"Military Hospital, Ward D, 11 men"—and there is one for each ward.

Over 1,200 parcels have been provided by Victoria's Red Cross—and when early on Christmas morning or New Year's Day, gentle singing of the carols gradually echoes down the hospital corridors, 450 patients will know the Victoria Red Cross has again played its part in the making of a happy Christmas to all.

Eisenhower Choice As Invasion Chief

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE

LONDON (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower under present circumstances—always subject to change—is believed leading the field for the job of Allied commander-in-chief for the western invasion. This would leave the developing campaign for the Mediterranean theatre generally in British hands.

The commander in north Africa—Sicily—Italy has come to the forefront despite earlier reports that Gen. George C. Marshall had initially been picked for the great command.

The impression here is that both had been found acceptable by supreme Allied leaders at the Teheran Conference, but that since then American considerations have raised Eisenhower to the No. 1 choice.

It now appears Prime Minister Churchill's illness may be delaying the final agreement on the selection.

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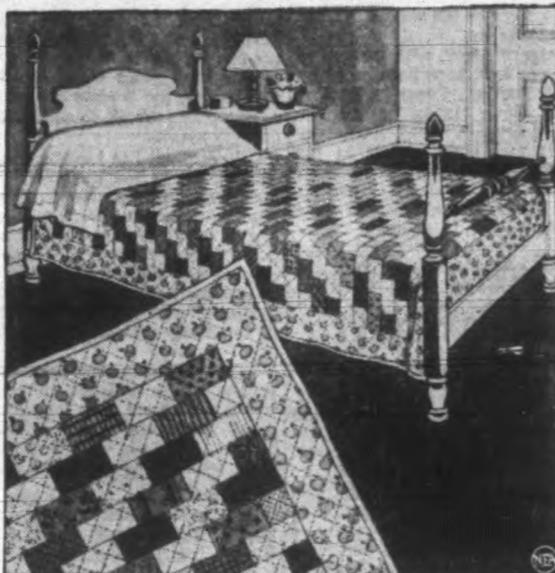
ICE CREAM IS A FOOD NOT A LUXURY

Palm ICE CREAM



Red Cross workers packing Christmas parcels to be distributed to servicemen and women who spend the Christmas holidays in hospitals.

Easy Scrap Salvage



Odd scraps of fabric, when neatly arranged in the popular "hit-or-miss" pattern, are transformed into an attractive quilt that lends a colorful and quaint touch to any room.

If sewing is your thrifty hobby, you'll find a patchwork quilt easy to make, for patches can be quickly stitched together and, with the quilter attachment on the modern sewing machine, you can make quilting a jiffy job.

One of the simplest and most effective quilts is the "hit-or-miss" pattern. Decide on a fabric design and repeat it again and again until the regular size of 80x84 inches is achieved.

Make oblong patches of material 2x4 inches each. In making the "hit-or-miss" pattern, the four-inch sides of the

patches together first until you have a strip of them the desired length. Then stitch the strips together until the right width is reached. Next, stitch a border, four inches wide, of contrasting fabric around the outside of the patchwork centre.

Now baste flannelette padding to a cotton backing so that it will not slip. The patchwork top is then placed over these two pieces. The "hit-or-miss" quilt is quilted in two-inch rows from top to bottom and from one side to the other, forming two-inch squares. Finally, turn the edges and stitch them to a neat finish.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
Those languishing in the city jail over the holiday season may have to go without a Christmas tree, decorations and carols but the usual Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will be served.

Christmas Cheer Will Be Brought to Sick and Needy

While families in homes throughout the city are decorating their last-minute gift purchases before the fireplace, men, women and children who will spend the holiday season in hospitals, nursing homes and even the city jail will not be forgotten.

St. Joseph's Hospital is preparing to celebrate Christmas in traditional manner, the customary decorations adorning the corridors and departments. Chief among them will be miniature fireplaces, emphasizing the home-loving spirit which comes with the feast, and representations of the manger crib of Bethlehem, recalling the sacred origin of Christmas.

Junior pupils of St. Ann's Academy, dressed in festive costume, serenaded the patients Saturday afternoon, singing Christmas hymns and carols. Another musical treat is in store for Christmas Eve, when Joe North will bring an orchestra to the hospital to entertain the patients. Generous donations of fruit and bon-bons arranged in attractive individual baskets will be distributed to the patients.

A notable Christmas present received by St. Joseph's was from Mayo Singh, long a patron of the institution, who donated six

beautiful bed throws and five cases of oranges. His generosity is greatly appreciated by the hospital.

Midnight Mass will be celebrated as usual, the sisters' and nurses' choir singing the traditional hymns, and afterwards, on Christmas morning, at 7, singing throughout the hospital.

Ladies' Auxiliary to T.B. Villa of St. Joseph's Hospital plans to give a present to each patient. The buildings will be decorated throughout. Three Masses, the first commencing at 7 in the morning, will be celebrated by Rev. Father M. M. Sweeney at the Villa, Chr'stmas Day.

AT THE JUBILEE

Christmas festivities at the Royal Jubilee Hospital will open tonight with the special Christmas party of the student nurses and staff. Thursday morning Sgt. Ronnie Brown, R.A.F., will play Christmas carols on his accordion throughout the hospital, while Dennis Collier will lead the singing. On Christmas Eve the nurses will form carolling groups to sing for the patients.

Four Christmas trees will be decorated in the hospital—in the old people's ward, active service ward, children's ward and nurses' home, and through the Junior Women's Auxiliary to the hospital a gift will be presented each child in the children's ward.

Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will be held at midday for the staff by the board of directors, and Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E., will prepare and serve the Christmas noon-day dinner for tubercular patients. Senior Women's Auxiliary to the hospital will present fruit and candies to all the patients and staff. Board of directors of the hospital will give a

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Valentine S. Godfrey is transferred from Washington to a sea-going command; Acting Capt. George R. Miles of Rothesay, N.B., veteran of hard service at sea in this war, is appointed director of plans at naval service headquarters, Ottawa; Acting Capt. Edgar L. Armstrong of Toronto, recently captain (D) at Esquimalt, gets a new appointment, not disclosed; Acting Capt. P. B. German of Welland, Ont., who has been naval officer in charge and captain superintendent at Gaspe, Que., succeeds Capt. Armstrong.

Acting Capt. Kenneth F. Adams of Victoria, leaves a sea-going command to become director of warfare and training at naval service headquarters.

(Capt. Ken Adams, R.C.N., is a well-known Victorian who adopted the navy as a career. Son of Mrs. W. E. Adams and the late Walter Adams, he comes from a yachting family. His last command at sea was H.M.C.S. Assiniboine. He married a Victoria girl, the former Rowena Horsey. With her two children, Stepheny Ann and Beverley, she is at present staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Horsey, 1025 Joan Crescent. Mrs. Adams, with her children, will shortly leave for Ottawa to join her husband.)

Cmdr. Arthur R. Pressey, leaves that post to go to the staff of the senior Canadian naval officer at London.

Acting Paymaster Capt. M. H. Elliott, former director of visualizing at naval service headquarters, Ottawa, becomes co-ordinator of civil establishments of the commodore superintendent at Halifax.

Woman Naval Worker Dies On Streetcar

Mrs. Mary Geraldine Arcand, 41, of 1135 Hilda Street, collapsed and died at 7:30 today on a No. 4 streetcar on which she was going to work at H.M.C.S. Dockyard, where she was employed as a coder and cipher.

She was removed to Royal Jubilee Hospital, where Dr. D. M. Boyd, house doctor, reported life extinct. Dr. D. M. Baillie reported Mrs. Arcand had been suffering from a heart ailment.

She leaves a son a with the R.C.A.F. at Patricia Bay. Dr. E. C. Hart, coroner, was notified.

For navy men Christmas Day there's the noon dinner at Prince Robert House, followed by distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree. Canadian Jewish Congress Centre will give a dance and supply hostesses for men of all three service Christmas evening at 8:30. There will be the usual Christmas dinner and party at "Sally Ann" canteen, Broad Street, and a free dinner for men for coffee, sandwiches and movies.

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On Their Way to Russia



Victoria's Aid to Russia headquarters, 2002 Oak Bay Avenue, are receiving a steady flow of fur coats from all over the city for the women of devastated Russia. Here, Miss Molle Crickmay, campaign helper, stands beside half a dozen of the coats, today on their way to the Soviet.

Christmas Party Begins Tonight for the Troops

Servicemen and women can take their choice of Christmas entertainment arranged for them in the holiday season at Victoria's service centres starting tonight. Dances, concert parties and movies head the list, with a big enough number to accommodate everyone in uniform looking for a good time at Christmas.

First on tonight's social calendar for the boys and girls of the forces is the dance at Prince Robert House, beginning at 8, with music by Albert Denon's orchestra. Also on tonight's program is Versailles' concert at the Knights of Columbus Hut, 732 Cormorant Street.

Thursday there will be movies from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. Hut, Macaulay, and also at the Knights of Columbus Hut. Bunk McEwen's orchestra will play at a special dance at the Victoria Hostess Club the same evening.

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TOWN TOPICS

A car which T. J. Findlay, 2619 Blanchard, had reported stolen was found Tuesday at Burnside and Harriet.

Eggs took a five-cent drop on the dozen today with Grade A large to wholesalers reduced from 44 cents a dozen Tuesday to 39 cents today.

G. A. Parlee, 70, hotel night clerk, told police at 4:28 this morning a well-dressed young man beat him up. Police picked up a man on View Street who said he had been arguing with the clerk after he had taken a woman to the hotel.

Six motorists were fined a total of \$35 in city court today on parking and traffic charges. A man guilty of being drunk on Yates Street Tuesday was fined \$25 or in default three days rather than the usual five days, thus permitting his release before Christmas Day.

Gorge Presbyterian Sunday School Christmas tree will be held Thursday at 7 in the church.

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Peers River, a tributary of the Coquihalla, in Yale district, is named for Miss Peers' father.

Supreme Court action of E. L. Tait and Sinclair Elliott for \$500 and costs allegedly due them from Wm. Robert Thompson for negotiations concerning the beer license of the Crofton Hotel was adjourned until Jan. 12 when hearing was adjourned before Mr. Justice R. A. F.

May I express my sincere appreciation to the electorate of Ward 7, Saanich, for the generous support given me at the polls on Saturday, December 18, 1948.

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Thomas Talks of His Singing

Traveling 1,250 miles every week to sing on a radio broadcast for less than 10 minutes is just one of the trips that makes Thomas L. Thomas, one of the most traveled artists in America.

The young Welshman, who was here in Victoria last week, in the course of a continental concert tour, has a superb voice that is eagerly awaited by hundreds of thousands of fans of the Manhattan "Merry-Go-Round" — and that is only one of his many commitments.

He hasn't always had the acclaim he has today, however. The young fair-haired singer who has green-gray eyes and a wide sensitive mouth (not the least like the swarthy, sombre Welshman I had expected to find) told me briefly of the years of struggle that preceded his initial success.

"My first job," he recalled, sitting with his leg informally propped up on the side of the armchair in his Empress Hotel room, "was working from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. greasing machinery."

MECHANICAL ENGINEER

"You see, I went to school, not to study music, but engineering, and graduated as a mechanical engineer. Soon I was promoted to the day shift, and when they needed draughtsmen, I was moved again. When I left I was elevated to assistant sales and production manager."

That was in 1932. Mr. Thomas, who had kept up singing all this time ("the Welshman always has a song in his soul," he said), started church and radio work in New York.

"Things don't happen easily in this game," he said, laughingly. He remembered taking auditions in New York twice a day, under different names, and getting his "manager" to phone and see how he'd made out.

"It was funny — sometimes they'd say 'We liked the second man we heard much better than the first' — and all the time it was one and the same person."

In 1937 he was singing on the Maxwell House Showboat program with Lanny Ross.

GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

"Suddenly things started to happen. I was co-featuring with Lanny. Then I went to Hollywood, where the show was recorded."

Thomas had gone out to Hollywood with a five-year contract, but as he explained, "things in radio happen fast" and he went back to New York for concert work.

From there the singer's rise to fame has been meteoric. Today he commutes between Detroit, New York and Chicago regularly, filling theatres and fulfilling his radio sponsors' expectations with equal ease.

"Last Tuesday is the first I've missed in four years — and that, of course, is because of my tour." (He was speaking of one of his favorite radio appearances, but I haven't been able to find out just what program it is.) "I have had to cancel tours sometimes, because you can't go dashing away from your sponsor's program too often. After all, a half-hour show represents an investment of \$500,000 or so to them."

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Born in Maesteg, a little town near Swansea, Wales, just over 30 years ago, Thomas attributes his love of music specifically to his father who is flautist with the London Symphony, and who gave him piano and singing lessons ever since he was very young, even before he came to America (Pennsylvania) at the age of 10.

I asked him what the "L" in his name stands for. He told me but I can't repeat it, even though

I tried very hard to remember. It is a beautiful sounding Welsh name with a special meaning of its own and one of those in credible spellings something like this: "Llyffmwyd."

He has a farm in New Jersey ("when I can get there," he added, a little wistfully), "and though not a serious farmer mentioned with pride the 250 tons of tomatoes he grew this summer in his 'Victory Garden.'

Speaking of Victoria, the famous baritone has been active in three Victory Loan campaigns, last year touring eastern Canada with Herbert Marshall.

He expressed the amazement most travelers do on finding roses in December here. "And is the grass as green as this always?" he asked, looking out at the Empress lawns.

No sooner had the door closed after he smilingly bowed me out, than he burst into song, the magnificent voice following me down the corridors. You only have to hear him singing like that to know he sings because he loves it better than anything else in the world.—Iris Smallwood.

Visitors Flocking Here for Christmas

Victoria will have its seasonal quota of visitors despite wartime restrictions and discouragement of civilian travel.

City hotels are preparing for a rush of visitors over the Christmas holidays, and the business is expected to continue well into the New Year.

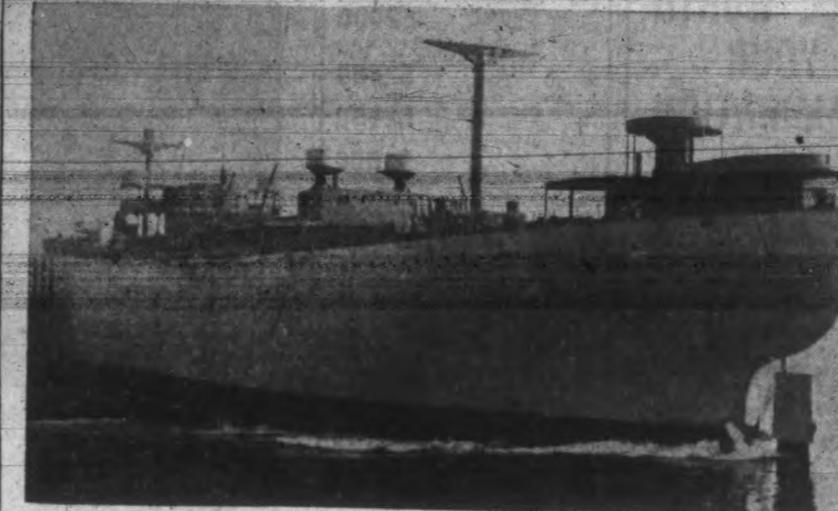
One of the major attractions which annually brings a large number of people here even from distant points, is the famous Yuletide festival which the C.P.R. stages each Christmastide at the Empress Hotel. The picturesque festival, highlighted by the Yule log and boar's head ceremonial, is now in its 16th year and shows no signs of diminishing in popularity. By the end of the week and for the remainder of the holiday period the guests at the Empress will be serenaded by the costumed Elizabethan carolers. Teas, cocktail parties, dinners and cabaret dances will be featured in a dazzling setting of bright lights and gaily festooned halls. With the removal of the blackout restrictions the hotels, for the first time since the beginning of the war, will be ablaze with lights,



P.O. David James Robertson, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Robertson, 95 Moss Street, who recently graduated as navigator at No. 10 Air Observer School, Chatham, N.B.

He was educated at Mount View and Victoria High Schools, Victoria College and gained his Bachelor of Commerce degree at University of British Columbia. Before joining the R.C.A.F. in May, 1942, he was employed as freight clerk on C.P.R. coast steamers.

Advanced Construction at Launching



When S.S. Cypress Hills Park was launched last week she was 75 per cent complete. Here is a unique view of the tanker taking to the water with much of her deck-housing in place. A total of 3,300 tons of steel went into the 10,000-ton tanker.

Saanich School Notes

December issue of The Summit, nine-page student paper of Mount Douglas High, described a country fair which netted \$150. Girls' Hi-Y Club, soccer and ping-pong games against Oak Bay High and a showing of sound pictures.

News about ex-students reveals Neal Craig, R.C.A.F., in England; Jimmy Lamb, U.S. Navy, Chicago; Peter Fraser, wireless college, Scotland; Gordon Hardwood, army, Cloverdale, B.C.; Wally Jeune, R.C.A.F., Montreal; Jack Cook, army, overseas; Malcolm Hall, R.C.A.F.; Gordon Lindquist, army, Vancouver, and Bill Crow, R.C.N.V.R., Halifax.

Royal Oak pupils have raised \$12.20 for the Junior Red Cross. Total war stamps sales for December were \$72.75. Keating pupils held a Christmas concert in Temperance Hall Dec. 16. Pupils have bought

\$50.75 worth of war savings stamps.

Prospect Lake School closing exercises were attended by parents, friends and preschool children.

Parents of McKenzie Avenue School students attended concerts Dec. 16. Sale of gifts netted \$12.20 for the Junior Red Cross. Concerts at Tolmie were attended by parents. Program included rhythm band selections, folk dancing and "Hansel and Gretel."

Tilligum pupils on the closing afternoon sang carols.

Guilty of being drunk in a public place three Mondays in three weeks, a man today was sentenced to 20 days' hard labor. Parking and traffic fines totaled \$32.50.

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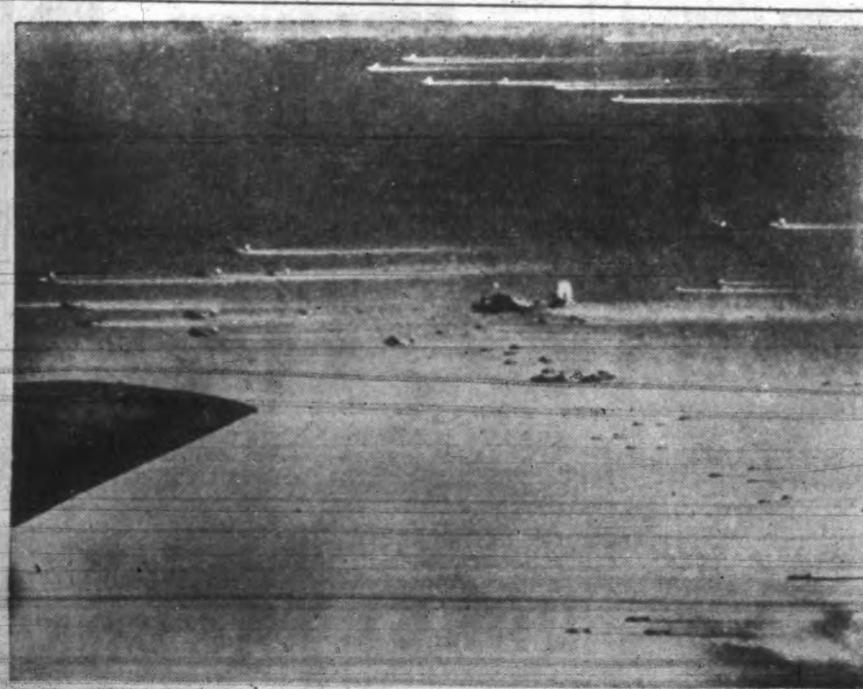
Wherever they are . . . wherever they serve . . . they carry the hope, faith and confidence of the people of this Dominion. May Providence speed the victory and bring them back soon to a proud and grateful country.

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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You must think the sergeant is serious about Irene—didn't I hear you trying to interest him in one of those lots you've been stuck with since the war started?"

Letters to Editor

ACCORDING TO THE RECORD

Jerry Tepa concludes his article, "First Bomb in World War 2," by stating that Poland demands the restoration of its pre-war frontiers.

As regards Poland's eastern frontier may I set out the following facts, premising them with the statement that my remarks apply to Poland's erstwhile rulers, not to the Polish people. After the first World War, Poland refused to accept the "Curzon Line" as defining her eastern frontier, and seized the western Ukraine and western Byelorussia (White Russia), although Poles are in a minority in both countries, especially in the former. The great majority of Ukrainians and Byelorussians are already subjects of autonomous republics of the U.S.S.R.

Polish treatment of minorities, especially Ukrainians, was extremely brutal, and included wholesale flogging, imprisonment and torture, according to the Manchester Guardian, one of the most reliable newspapers in the world.

The U.S.S.R. moved into these territories in order to forestall their occupation by the Nazis. Their action was not directed against Poland and, therefore, did not call for a declaration of war. In any case, the Polish government was already in flight from the country and had ceased to function and, according to the London Times' correspondent in

Poland, the Polish army was in dissolution, and all that remained for the Germans to do was to "mop-up."

There is, I believe, a legal maxim to the effect that he who comes to court must come with clean hands. Poland's hands are not clean. Not only did Poland seize the above-mentioned areas, but earlier she had stolen Vilna from Lithuania, then, adding insult to injury, forced that country under threat of war to re-establish diplomatic relations with her. And after the Munich betrayal Poland took advantage of Czechoslovakia's helplessness to grab Teschen, "swallowing in the process a Czech minority double the size of the little handful of Poles they claimed." (Prague correspondent of the London Times.)

I submit that neither on moral nor on ethnological grounds has Poland any claim to a frontier east of the "Curzon Line."

T. H. TOYNBEE.

New Veterinary Director

OTTAWA (CP)—Appointment of Dr. Mark Barker, chief veterinary inspector in the Agricultural Department, as veterinary director-general, has been announced by the department. He succeeds Dr. A. E. Cameron, who retired last March.

J. K. Paisley Dies

OTTAWA (CP)—James Kenniston Paisley, 85, a former manager of the Central Canada Exhibition, one of the founders of the Connaught Jockey Club, and one-time proprietor of the old Grand Union Hotel, died Tuesday.

Today's Crossword Puzzle

HORIZONTAL

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silent days
13 Chorus part
14 King
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16 God of lower
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25 Pronoun
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28 Third person
(symbol)
30 Provide with
weapons
31 Singing a
famous star of
films
32 Bodily
structure
33 Inclinations
34 Current
35 Danger
36 Particular
37 Perilous to
38 Black bird
39 Decorate
40 Bare that
bore
41 Two
42 Grains
43 Elan
44 Condition
45 Simile
46 Style
47 Flower



(Answer to previous puzzle)

RICHARD BYRD
FOREVER BEARS
ATOP SEA ADAM
MONEY DISGRACE
ERSE RIRHA
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LEED ADMIRAL



Uncle Ray

We Are Now In Midst Of Our Shortest Days

People of ancient times saw the importance of sunshine, and spoke about sun gods of one kind or another. We may think about sun gods on Wednesday, Dec. 22, the shortest day of this year.

The olden Greeks called their sun god Helios. They made pictures of him, and said he drove through the sky in a chariot pulled by four fiery steeds. This god came to be called Apollo, the name used for him by the Romans.

In northern Europe it was the custom to speak of a sun god named Balder. The Norsemen had special reason to think of changes in daylight. Many of them lived where December days had only three or four hours between sunrise and sunset. Six months later, those same people enjoyed extra-long days.

The city was chosen for adoption by the city council Monday, acting on a suggestion advanced by the National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship, which urged every Canadian municipality to "adopt" a Russian centre pock-marked by war and aid in its restoration.

For convenience, the city will be known to Lethbridge residents as "Tim." T. H. TOYNBEE.



SCULPTURE
TEMPLE OF ATHENA AT ILLUM

IN ANCIENT GREECE
HELIOS

WAS WORSHIPPED AS THE GOD OF SUN

When I speak of short December days, I am thinking only of the northern half of the earth. The southern half is now having days which are longer than usual. People in Australia and New Zealand, for example, are having today the most daylight they will have in the entire year.

We speak of one day as the shortest in the year, but the fact is that yesterday had almost exactly the same amount of daylight as today, and tomorrow will be just about equal to today. There is less than half a minute of difference in the three days at any point between Lake Superior and the equator.

Between now and the end of December, our gain in daylight will be very small. December 31 will have only two or three more minutes of daylight than the present day.

During January, however, the average gain in daylight will be well over a minute a day.

The rate of increase differs with latitude. Ottawa, the Canadian capital, will gain a total of about 50 minutes of daylight during January, but Washington, D.C., will gain only 41 minutes.

In Ottawa during February and March the gain in daylight will be almost three minutes a day. In Washington, D.C., the average gain in those months will be about two and a half minutes a day.

Queen Gives Thanks To Foster Parents

LONDON (CP)—The Queen, in a message of thanks to 2,600 foster-parents of British children evacuated to the dominions, said in part: "In the kindness of your heart you have accepted them as members of your family, and I know that to this unselfish task you and all your household made many great sacrifices."

The message was printed on a card bearing Her Majesty's crest and a facsimile of her signature.

Question 39,973 Men In Poolroom Round-up

OTTAWA (CP)—The Labor Department reports that up to Nov. 30 the R.C.M.P. questioned 39,973 men during visits to poolrooms, beer parlors and similar establishments, in their drive against delinquents under National Selective Service mobilization regulations.

In addition, 105 deserters from the armed forces were located.

In all, 1,659 places throughout Canada were visited, and 2,701

men detained temporarily until they could prove they had not failed to comply with regulations. Of these, 344 were charged in court with attempting to evade the military call-up, and 164 were charged with failure to give notice of change of address, or to give other information under National Registration regulations.

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without gainful occupation were referred to Selective Service offices.

The department said the campaign is continuing.

Finds Folks at Party

MONTREAL (CP)—Three small children forgot all about Santa Claus and clowns when their daddy, Sgt.-Maj. Fred Young, traced them out among

thousands of youngsters attending a party under the auspices of the Montreal Soldiers' Wives' League here Tuesday.

Arriving home unexpectedly after three years overseas, he gave his wife and three children, Fred Jr., aged six, Margaret, seven, and Joyce, 13, "the best Christmas ever" when he found them at the party through the aid of a friend.

By Hal Cochran

First Aid for Santa



By Williams

OUR BOARDING HOUSE, with MAJOR HOOPLES



OUT OUR WAY



By Leslie Turner

WASH TUBES



By Arthur Folwell and Ellison Hoover

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



By Martin

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



By Mervill Blosser



By V. T. Hamlin

ALLEY OOP



By V. T. Hamlin

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(from a letter by M.T.T.)



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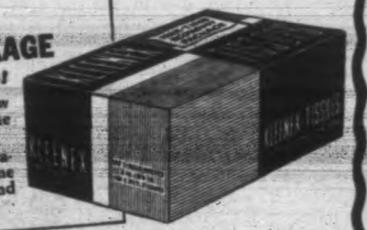
(from a letter by C.F.C.)

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5.30	Musician Speaking—KIRO. Salute to Victory—KOL. Music—CIVI. Fever and the Pyramids—CBR. Uncle Ben—CKWX. Stories—KOMO. News—KOMO. KNX at 8:45.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
6.00	Drama—CBR. Garrison Heater—KOMO. It Was There—KIRO. Grace Fields—KOL at 8:15.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
6.30	Variety Show—CBR. District Attorney—KOMO. Jack Carson—KIRO. Spotlight Band—KJR. Dance Music—CIVI.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
7.00	News—CBR. CIVI. Love and War—CIVI. John B. Hughes—KOL. Kay Kyser—KOMO. KPO. Music in the Air—KJR. Hayden Gray—KJR.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
7.30	Labor Forum—CBR. Grech Hornet—CIVI. Lone Ranger—KOL. Gardens—CKWX. Music in the Air—KJR.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
8.00	Rhythmic Fantasy—CBR. Prod Warning—KPO. KOMO. Watch the World—CBR. Things to Think On—CKWX. Love and War—KIRO. News—CJOF. CKWX at 8:15. Lure and Abner—KJL at 8:15.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
8.30	Beat the Band—KOMO. Cardboard: Today; Tomorrow— CBR.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
9.00	News—KOL. CIVI. Music—KIRO. KNX. Mr. and Mrs. North—KOMO. Hollywood Theatre—CKWX. British Band Concert—CIVI.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
10.00	News—KOL. CIVI. Music—KIRO. KNX. Lover's Winter—KJL. British Band Concert—CIVI.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
11.00	News—KOL. CIVI. Music—KIRO. KNX. Bernardine Flynn—KIRO. Let's Be Charmin'—CIVI. Music—KJL. They Tell Me—KJL at 10:45.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
11.30	Guiding Light—KOMO. KPO. Home Front—CKWX. Rose Room—KJL. Music—KOMO. KPO. Bernardine Flynn—KIRO. Make Mine Music—CIVI. Dinner Bell—KJL. They Tell Me—KJL at 12:15.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
12.00	News—KOL. CIVI. Neighbors—KIRO. B.C. Farm Broadcast—CIVI. American Woman—KOMO. Morton Downey—KJL. Winter—KJL at 12:05. News—KJL. CKWX at 12:15.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
12.30	News—KJL. CJVII. CBR. William Winter—KIRO. KNX. Midday Music—CIVI. Piano—KOMO. KPO. Music for Moderns—CKWX. 12:45 Christian Committee—KOL	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
1.00	Backstage Wife—KOMO. KPO. Shenandoah—KJR. Broadway Echoes—KOL. Kaltenborn—KOMO. Close of Day—CKWX. Music and Motion—CIVI. 10:45. News—KPL at 11:45.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
1.30	Musical Show—KJR. Tuesday Show—KOMO. Sports—KJL. Fulton Lewis—KOL at 8:45.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
2.00	News—KOL. KPO. Gaines Drake—KIRO. Your Song—CIVI. Tin Soldier—CKWX. The Big Picture—KJL. OK for Release—KOMO. Voice of Victor—CBR.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
3.00	American School—KIRO. Song Souvenirs—CIVI. Full Speed Ahead—KOMO. KPO. News—KJR.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
4.00	Front Page News—KOL. Magic Children—KJL. Sports—KOMO. KPO. News—KJL.	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400
4.30	Soldiers Bring Joy To Sick Children	KVI 888 EFO 480 CKWX 300 CBR 1100 KJL 400 EGR 1800 EGO 420 CPCH 1810 KOL 1800 KOMO 350 KNX 1700 CFVI 1400

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By NANCY HODGES
SPOKANE.

NO I EXHIBIT

I WAS DISAPPOINTED at not seeing Eric A. Johnston, Spokane's No. 1 Exhibit.

He is on his way back to his home city from South America, according to his charming and most efficient secretary—by name Mary Smith.

This city has produced several personalities who have won national fame. These include Patricia Munsel, who has just made her triumphant debut as a soprano with the Metropolitan Opera Company; Benjamin H. Kizer, regional chairman of the U.S. National Resources Planning Board and an officer of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Henry J. Kaiser, the shipbuilding wizard, also started his career as clerk in a hardware store in this city.

WORD PICTURE OF HIM

BUT ERIC A. JOHNSTON, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is the shining exception to the "prophet not without honor, nor wise in his own country" idea.

From a dinner-table conversation at which I was a dinner guest with Spokane, Seattle and Portland business magnates and their wives, I elicited a word picture of him.

It suggested a reincarnation of Sir Galahad, Abraham Lincoln, "Teddy" Roosevelt and William Jennings Bryan.

APOSTLE OF FREE ENTERPRISE

JOHNSTON IS 46, but looks 36, they tell me. Dynamic and direct, he has awakened that staid body—of "Fuddy-duddy" tendency, it was described—until the National Chamber of Commerce really begins to count in the scheme of things American.

An impassioned and eloquent apostle of the gospel of "free enterprise," his articles and speeches have aroused interest not only in his own country, but, in Canada and Great Britain.

He is becoming widely known abroad owing to his "goodwill" economic missions. It was in that capacity he visited Britain and it took him to South America. It will also take him to Mexico early in the New Year, I gathered.

SYMPATHETIC TO LABOR

HIS CHAMPIONSHIP of free enterprise can be understood, in view of his ownership of a thriving electrical business. He also owns and operates a brick and tile plant, as well as other interests, all in this country.

But his success has not blinded him to the rights of the other side. He is sympathetic to labor and to labor unions, and feels that sympathetic co-operation and com-

BUT, THEIR sometimes-bitter and venomous partisanship notwithstanding, at least they do take an interest in the affairs of our country.

Which is better than the apathy and indifference so many of us appear to share in Canada.

BETTER THAN APATHY

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